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HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
37th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Special Committee
on

NON-MEDICAL USE OF DRUGS

Chair: Paddy Torsney, Lib.

Meeting No. 1

Thursday, June 7, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Election of a Chair and Vice-Chairs





MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 1

Thursday, June 7, 2001

The Special Committee on non-medical use of drugs met at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, for the purpose of electing a Chair and two Vice-Chairs, pursuant to Standing Orders 106(1) and (2).

Members of the Committee present: Carole-Marie Allard, André Bachand, Bernard Bigras, Libby Davies, Derek Lee, Réal Ménard, Stephen Owen, Jacques Saada, Carol Skelton, Paddy Torsney, Randy White.

Acting Members present: Rodger Cuzner for Dominic LeBlanc; Tony Valeri for Mac Harb.

In attendance: From the Committees and Parliamentary Association Directorate of the House of Commons: Patrice Martin, Procedural Clerk.

Pursuant to Standing Orders 106(1) and (2), the Clerk presided over the election of the Chair.

Jacques Saada moved, - That Paddy Torsney be the Chair of the Special Committee on the non-medical use of drugs.

Randy White moved, - That Derek Lee be the Chair of the Special Committee on the non-medical use of drugs.

The question being put on the motion of Jacques Saada, it was carried by a show of hands: YEAS: 9; NAYS: 2.

Accordingly, Paddy Torsney was declared duly elected Chair of the Special Committee and took the Chair.

On motion of Tony Valeri, it was agreed, - That Carole-Marie Allard be Vice-Chair of the Special Committee.

On motion of Carol Skelton, it was agreed, - That Randy White be Vice-Chair of the Special Committee.

On motion of Réal Ménard, it was agreed, - That the Chair be authorized to hold meetings in order to receive evidence when a quorum is not present, providing that at least three (3) members, including both Government and opposition be present.

On motion of Libby Davies, it was agreed, - That the Committee retain the services or one or more research officers from the Library of Parliament, as needed, to assist the committee in its work.

On motion of André Bachand, it was agreed, - That, as the discretion of the Chair, reasonable travelling expenses, per the regulations established by the Board of Internal Economy be paid to witnesses invited to appear before the Committee, and that payment of these expenses be limited to two (2) representatives per organization.

On motion of Randy White, it was agreed, - That the Committee authorize the Chair, from time to time, as the need arises to take, in conjunction with the Clerk of the Committee, the appropriate measures to provide meals for the Committee, for working purposes, and that the cost of these meals be charged to the appropriate budget of the Committee.

On motion of Réal Ménard, it was agreed, - That twenty-four (24) hours notice be provided to the Clerk of the Special Committee of any substantive motions.

It was agreed, - That members of the Special Committee provide the Clerk and researcher of the Special Committee with their ideas for a work plan and suggested witnesses over the summer in order to assist in the drafting of a work plan to be presented to the committee members at the first meeting in September.

At 3:48 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carol Chafe
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 2

Wednesday, September 26, 2001

IN CAMERA





MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 2

Wednesday, September 26, 2001

The Special Committee on non-medical use of drugs met *in camera* at 3:32 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Paddy Torsney, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Libby Davies, Mac Harb, Dominic LeBlanc, Réal Ménard, Stephen Owen, Paddy Torsney and Randy White.

Acting Members present: Steve Mahoney for Carole-Marie Allard; Bill Graham for Derek Lee; Larry Bagnell for Jacques Saada; Kevin Sorenson for Carol Skelton.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Chantal Collin, research officer and Marilyn Pilon, research officer.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference adopted by the House of Commons on Thursday, May 17, 2001, consideration of the factors underlying or relating to the non-medical use of drugs.

The Special Committee considered its future business.

Dominic Leblanc moved, - That 48 hours written notice shall be given for the consideration of any substantive motion by the committee: provided that notice may be waived by the unanimous consent of the committee. This rule shall not apply for motions to amend a clause during the study of a bill.

Such notice shall be tabled in the committee by filing the text of the motion with the Clerk of the Committee and shall be distributed to all members in both official languages. Upon receipt of such notice the Clerk will ensure that the motion is placed on the agenda of the Committee for consideration at its next meeting.

Réal Ménard moved, - That the motion be amended by removing the reference to “48 hours written notice” and replacing it with “24 hours written notice”.

And debate thereon, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived.

The question being put on the motion, it was carried, on division.

On motion of Mac Harb, it was agreed, - That the Committee staff, in consultation with the Chair, be instructed to prepare a draft budget for consideration by the Committee as soon as possible.

At 4:32 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carol Chafe

Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 3

Monday, October 1, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of the factors underlying or relating to the non-medical use of drugs

WITNESSES:

Canada Customs and Revenue Agency:

Mark H. Connolly, Director General, Contraband and Intelligence Services Directorate,
Customs Branch;

Michael Crichton, Chief, Intelligence Development and Field Support Section.





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Meeting No. 3

Monday, October 1st, 2001

The Special Committee on non-medical use of drugs met at 3:31 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Paddy Torsney, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Carole-Marie Allard, Libby Davies, Mac Harb, Derek Lee, Réal Ménard, Jacques Saada, Carol Skelton, Paddy Torsney and Randy White.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Chantal Collin, research officer; Marilyn Pilon, research officer.

Witnesses: From the Canada Customs and Revenue Agency: Mark H. Connolly, Director General, Contraband and Intelligence Services Directorate - Customs Branch; Michael Crichton, Chief, Intelligence Development, Intelligence and Operations Division, Contraband & Intelligence Services Directorate; Susan Hague, Senior Program Advisor, Contraband Operations Section, Contraband and Intelligence Services Directorate.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference adopted by the House of Commons on Thursday, May 17, 2001, consideration of the factors underlying or relating to the non-medical use of drugs.

Mark Connolly made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 5:27 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carol Chafe

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Meeting No. 4

Monday, October 1, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of the factors underlying or relating to the non-medical use of drugs

WITNESSES:

Department of Justice Canada:

Croft Michaelson, Director and Senior General Counsel, Strategic Prosecution Policy
Section;

Paul Saint-Denis, Senior Counsel, Criminal Law Policy Section.





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Meeting No. 4

Monday, October 1st, 2001

The Special Committee on non-medical use of drugs met at 6:35 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Paddy Torsney, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Carole-Marie Allard, Libby Davies, Mac Harb, Dominic LeBlanc, Derek Lee, Réal Ménard, Jacques Saada and Paddy Torsney.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Chantal Collin, research officer; Marilyn Pilon, research officer.

Witnesses: From the Department of Justice Canada: Paul Saint-Denis, Senior Counsel, Criminal Law Policy Section; Croft Michaelson, Director, Senior General Counsel, Department of Strategic Prosecution Policy Section.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference adopted by the House of Commons on Thursday, May 17, 2001, consideration of the factors underlying or relating to the non-medical use of drugs.

Paul Saint-Denis and Croft Michaelson made statements and answered questions.

At 8:01 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carol Chafe

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Meeting No. 5

Wednesday, October 3, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of the factors underlying or relating to the non-medical use of drugs

WITNESSES:

Health Canada:

Cathy Airth, Acting Director, Office of Canada's Drug Strategy, Drug Strategy and
Controlled Substances Program, Healthy Environments and Consumer Safety Branch;

Carole Bouchard, Director, Office of Controlled Substances, Drug Strategy and Controlled
Substances Program, Healthy Environments and Consumer Safety Branch;

Jody Gomber, Doctor and Director General, Drug Strategy and Controlled Substances
Program, Healthy Environments and Consumer Safety Branch.





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Meeting No. 5

Wednesday, October 3, 2001

The Special Committee on non-medical use of drugs met at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Paddy Torsney, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Carole-Marie Allard, André Bachand, Mac Harb, Dominic LeBlanc, Derek Lee, Réal Ménard, Jacques Saada, Paddy Torsney and Randy White.

Acting Members present: Kevin Sorenson for Carol Skelton.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Chantal Collin and Marilyn Pilon, research officers.

Witnesses: From Health Canada: Dr. Jody Gomber, Director General, Drug Strategy and Controlled Substances Programme, Healthy Environments and Consumer Safety Branch; Cathy Airth, Acting Director, Office of Canada's Drug Strategy, Drug Strategy and Controlled Substances Programme, Healthy Environments and Consumer Safety Branch; Carole Bouchard, Director, Office of Controlled Substances, Drug Strategy and Controlled Substances Programme, Healthy Environments and Safety Branch.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference adopted by the House of Commons on Thursday, May 17, 2001, consideration of the factors underlying or relating to the non-medical use of drugs.

Judy Gomber made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 5:31 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 6

Wednesday, October 3, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of the factors underlying or relating to the non-medical use of drugs

WITNESSES:

Correctional Service Canada:

Julie Keravel, Director, Security Information and Emergency Management;

Ross Toller, Director General, Offender Programs and Reintegration.

Royal Canadian Mounted Police:

R.G. Bob Lesser, Chief Superintendent, Officer in Charge, Drug Enforcement Branch,
Federal Services Directorate.





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Meeting No. 6

Wednesday, October 3, 2001

The Special Committee on non-medical use of drugs met at 6:34 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Paddy Torsney, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Carole-Marie Allard, Bernard Bigras, Derek Lee, Jacques Saada, Paddy Torsney and Randy White.

Acting Members present: Kevin Sorenson for Carol Skelton.

Other Members present: Bill Graham and Diane St-Jacques

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Chantal Collin and Marilyn Pilon, research officers.

Witnesses: From the Royal Canadian Mounted Police: R.G. Bob Lesser, Chief Superintendent, Officer in Charge, Drug Enforcement Branch, Federal Services Directorate. *From Correctional Service Canada:* Ross Toller, Acting Director General, Offender Programs and Reintegration; Julie Keravel, Director, Security Information and Emergency Management.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference adopted by the House of Commons on Thursday, May 17, 2001, consideration of the factors underlying or relating to the non-medical use of drugs.

Bob Lesser and Ross Toller made statements and, with Julie Keravel, answered questions.

At 8:33 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 7

Wednesday, October 17, 2001

IN CAMERA





MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 7

Wednesday, October 17, 2001

The Special Committee on non-medical use of drugs met *in camera* at 3:44 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Paddy Torsney, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Libby Davies, Dominic LeBlanc, Derek Lee, Stephen Owen, Paddy Torsney, Randy White.

Acting Members present: Gérard Binet for Jacques Saada; Kevin Sorenson for Carol Skelton; Benoit Sauvageau for Réal Ménard.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Marilyn Pilon, researcher.

The Committee proceeded to consider a draft budget for its activities.

It was agreed, - That the Clerk be instructed to revise the draft budget in respect to the changes requested and, that the revised budget be adopted as the budget for the Special Committee and be submitted to the Board of Internal Economy for approval as soon as possible.

At 4:35 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 8

Thursday, October 18, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of the factors underlying or relating to the non-medical use of drugs

WITNESSES:

Senate:

Hon. Pierre Claude Nolin, PC, Senator from *De Salaberry* and Chair of the Special Committee on Illegal Drugs.

Senate Special Committee on Illegal Drugs:

Blair Armitage, Clerk;

Daniel Sansfaçon, Doctor, Research Director.





MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 8

Thursday, October 18, 2001

The Special Committee on non-medical use of drugs met at 3:34 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Paddy Torsney, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: André Bachand, Bernard Bigras, Libby Davies, Derek Lee, Réal Ménard and Paddy Torsney.

Acting Members present: Hélène Scherrer for Carole-Marie Allard; Robert Bertrand for Jacques Saada; Kevin Sorenson for Carol Skelton.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Marilyn Pilon, researcher.

Witnesses: From the Senate: The Hon. Pierre Claude Nolin, Chair, Special Committee on Illegal Drugs; Dr. Daniel Sansfaçon, Director of Research, Special Committee on Illegal Drugs; Blair Armitage, Clerk, Special Committee on Illegal Drugs.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference adopted by the House of Commons on Thursday, May 17, 2001, consideration of the factors underlying or relating to the non-medical use of drugs.

Senator Nolin made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 5:21 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 9

Thursday, October 25, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of the factors underlying or relating to the non-medical use of drugs

WITNESSES:

Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse:

Michel Perron, Chief Executive Officer.

Canadian Community Epidemiology Network on Drug Use:

Colleen Anne Dell, Doctor, National Research Adviser and Director.





MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 9

Thursday, October 25, 2001

The Special Committee on non-medical use of drugs met at 3:32 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Paddy Torsney, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Carole-Marie Allard, Libby Davies, Derek Lee, Réal Ménard, Paddy Torsney and Randy White.

Acting Members present: Kevin Sorenson for Carol Skelton; Peter Adams for Jacques Saada.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Chantal Collin and Marilyn Pilon, research officers.

Witnesses: From the Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse: Michel Perron, Chief Executive Officer; Dr. Colleen Anne Dell, National Research Advisor, CCENDU and HEP.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference adopted by the House of Commons on Thursday, May 17, 2001, consideration of the factors underlying or relating to the non-medical use of drugs.

Michel Perron and Colleen Anne Dell made statements and answered questions.

At 5:13 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 10

Monday, November 5, 2001

IN CAMERA





MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 10

Monday, November 5, 2001

The Special Committee on non-medical use of drugs met *in camera* at 3:38 p.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Paddy Torsney, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Mac Harb, Dominic LeBlanc, Derek Lee, Stephen Owen, Jacques Saada, Kevin Sorenson, Paddy Torsney and Randy White.

Acting Member present: Benoit Sauvageau for Bernard Bigras.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Chantal Collin and Marilyn Pilon, research officers.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference adopted by the House of Commons on Thursday, May 17, 2001, consideration of the factors underlying or relating to the non-medical use of drugs.

The Committee considered its draft Terms of Reference.

At 4:49 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carol Chafe

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Chair: Paddy Torsney, Lib.

Meeting No. 11

Wednesday, November 7, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of the factors underlying or relating to the non-medical use of drugs

WITNESS:

As Individual:

Eric W. Single.





MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 11

Wednesday, November 7, 2001

The Special Committee on non-medical use of drugs met at 3:40 p.m. this day, in Room 705, La Promenade Building, the Chair, Paddy Torsney, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Libby Davies, Dominic LeBlanc, Derek Lee, Kevin Sorenson, Paddy Torsney and Randy White.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Marilyn Pilon, research officer.

Witness: From the University of Toronto: Dr. Eric W. Single, Professor of Public Health Sciences, Faculty of Medicine.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference adopted by the House of Commons on Thursday, May 17, 2001, consideration of the factors underlying or relating to the non-medical use of drugs.

Eric Single made a statement and answered questions.

At 5:25 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:28 p.m., the sitting resumed *in camera*.

The Committee considered its draft budget.

At 5:45 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carol Chafe

Clerk of the Committee

CHAMBRE DES COMMUNES DU CANADA
37^e LÉGISLATURE, 1^{ère} SESSION

Consommation
d'alcool

PROCÈS-VERBAL

Comité spécial
sur la

**CONSOMMATION NON MÉDICALE
DE DROGUES OU MÉDICAMENTS**

Présidente: Paddy Torsney, Lib

Séance n° 12

Le jeudi 8 novembre 2001

ORDRE DU JOUR:

Étude des facteurs sous-jacents ou parallèles à la consommation non médicale de drogues ou de médicaments

TÉMOIN:

Bureau du solliciteur général Canada:

Paul E. Kennedy, sous-solliciteur général adjoint principal, Secteur de la police et de la sécurité.





PROCÈS-VERBAL

Séance n° 12

Le jeudi 8 novembre 2001

Le Comité spécial sur la consommation non médicale de drogues ou médicaments se réunit aujourd'hui à 15 h 32, dans la salle 209 de l'édifice de l'ouest, sous la présidence de Paddy Torsney, président.

Membres du Comité présents: Derek Lee, Réal Ménard, Kevin Sorenson, Paddy Torsney et Randy White.

Aussi présent: De la Bibliothèque du Parlement: Marilyn Pilon, attachée de recherche

Témoins: De Solliciteur général Canada: Paul E. Kennedy, sous-solliciteur général adjoint principal, Secteur de la police et sécurité; Karen Kastner, analyste principal de politique.

Conformément à l'ordre de renvoi adopté par la Chambre des communes le jeudi 17 mai 2001, examination des facteurs sous-jacents ou parallèles à la consommation non médicale de drogues ou de médicaments.

Paul Kennedy fait une déclaration et, avec Karen Kastner, répond aux questions.

À 17 h 22, le Comité s'ajourne jusqu'à nouvelle convocation de la présidence.

Le greffier du Comité

Carol Chafe

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Meeting No. 13

Wednesday, November 21, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of the factors underlying or relating to the non-medical use of drugs

WITNESSES:

Canada Customs and Revenue Agency:

Angelo De-Riggi, Intelligence Officer.

Montreal Urban Community Police Department:

Yvan Côté, Investigator.

Royal Canadian Mounted Police:

Pierre Primeau, Investigator.





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Meeting No. 13

Wednesday, November 21, 2001

The Special Committee on Non-Medical Use of Drugs met at 3:44 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Paddy Torsney, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Carole-Marie Allard, Libby Davies, Dominic LeBlanc, Derek Lee, Stephen Owen, Kevin Sorenson and Paddy Torsney.

Acting Member present: Larry Bagnell for Jacques Saada.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Marilyn Pilon, research officer.

Witnesses: From the Royal Canadian Mounted Police: Pierre Primeau, Investigator. *From the Canada Customs and Revenue Agency:* Angelo De-Riggi, Intelligence Officer. *From the Montreal Urban Community Police Department:* Yvan Côté, Investigator.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference adopted by the House of Commons on Thursday, May 17, 2001, consideration of the factors underlying or relating to the non-medical use of drugs.

Pierre Primeau, Angelo De-Riggi and Yvan Côté made statements and answered questions.

At 5:07 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

By unanimous consent, at 5:09 p.m., the sitting resumed *in camera* to adopt its Terms of Reference.

It was agreed, - That the draft Terms of Reference for the Committee's study be adopted as amended.

At 5:14 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:15 p.m., by unanimous consent, the Committee resumed consideration of its Order of Reference in public.

At 5:44 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carol Chafe

Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 14

Monday, December 3, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of the factors underlying or relating to the non-medical use of drugs

WITNESSES:

Panel I – Research/Experts:

Kaiser Foundation:

Dan Reist, President.

Prevention Source B.C.:

Colin Mangham, Director.

University of British Columbia:

Julian Somers, Doctor, Department of Psychiatry;

Mark Tyndall, Doctor, Director of Epidemiology, B.C. Centre for Excellence.

Panel II – Drug Policy:

Fraser Institute:

Fred McMahon, Director, Social Affairs Centre.

Simon Fraser University:

Bruce Alexander, Professor, Department of Psychology.



University of British Columbia:

Michael O'Shaughnessy, Vice-President, Research; Director, Centre of Excellence in HIV/AIDS;

Martin Schechter, Head of Epidemiology and Biostatistics.

As Individual:

Larry Campbell.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 14

Monday, December 3, 2001

The Special Committee on Non-Medical Use of Drugs met at 9:06 a.m. this day, in Vancouver, in the Vancouver Island Room, the Chair, Paddy Torsney, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Libby Davies, Dominic LeBlanc, Stephen Owen, Paddy Torsney and Randy White.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Marilyn Pilon, research officer.

Witnesses: Panel I – Research/Experts. From the Kaiser Foundation: Dan Reist, President. *From Prevention Source B.C.:* Dr. Colin Mangham, Director. *From the University of British Columbia:* Dr. Julian Somers, Mental Health Evaluation & Community Consultation Unit - Department of Psychiatry - St. Paul's Hospital; Dr. Mark Tyndall. *Panel II – Drug Policy: From the University of British Columbia:* Dr. Martin Schechter, Head of Epidemiology and Biostatistics; *As Individual:* Larry Campbell, Former Chief Coroner, BC. *From the Fraser Institute:* Fred McMahon, Director, Social Affairs Centre. *From Simon Fraser University:* Prof. Bruce Alexander, Department of Psychology. *From the University of British Columbia:* Dr. Michael O'Shaughnessy, Vice-President, Research, Director of the Centre for Excellence on HIV.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference adopted by the House of Commons on Thursday, May 17, 2001, consideration of the factors underlying or relating to the non-medical use of drugs.

The witnesses on the Research and Experts Panel made statements and answered questions.

At 10:37 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:51 a.m., the sitting resumed.

The witnesses on the Drug Policy Panel made statements and answered questions.

At 12:31 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carol Chafe

Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 15

Monday, December 3, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of the factors underlying or relating to the non-medical use of drugs

WITNESSES:

Abbotsford Police Department:

Ian Mackenzie, Chief Constable.

Alcohol-Drug Education Services:

Art Steinmann, Executive Director.

Canada Customs and Revenue Agency:

Brian Flagel, Director, Customs Border Services, Vancouver International Airport District.

John Howard Society of the Lower Mainland:

Larry Howett, Spokesperson, Choices.

Organized Crime Agency of British Columbia:

Peter Ditchfield, Deputy Chief.

Pacifica Treatment Centre:

Kathy Oxner, Executive Director.



Royal Canadian Mounted Police:

Carl Busson, Superintendent, Officer in Charge, Drug Enforcement Branch;

Chuck Doucette, Staff Sergeant, Provincial Coordinator, Drug Awareness Services "E"
Division.

Seaview Addictions Services Society:

Donna Baird, Executive Director.

Vancouver Police Department:

Kash Heed, Inspector, Commanding Officer, Vice/Drugs Section.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 15

Monday, December 3, 2001

The Special Committee on Non-Medical Use of Drugs met at 2:07 p.m. this day, in Vancouver, in the Vancouver Island Room, the Chair, Paddy Torsney, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Libby Davies, Dominic LeBlanc, Paddy Torsney and Randy White.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Marilyn Pilon, research officer.

Witnesses: Panel I – Law Enforcement: From the Organized Crime Agency of British Columbia: Peter Ditchfield, Deputy Chief. *From the Royal Canadian Mounted Police:* Carl Busson, Officer in Charge, Drug Enforcement Branch. *From the Abbotsford Police Department:* Ian Mackenzie. *From the Vancouver Police Department:* Kash Heed, Commanding Officer, Vice/Drugs Section. *From the Canada Customs and Revenue Agency:* Brian Flagel, Director, Customs Border Services, Vancouver International Airport District. Panel II – Education/Prevention/Drug Awareness: *From the Royal Canadian Mounted Police:* Chuck Doucette, Provincial Coordinator, Drug Awareness Service, "E" Division. *From the John Howard Society of the Lower Mainland:* Larry Howett, Spokesperson, Choices. *From the Seaview Addictions Services Society:* Donna Baird, Executive Director. *From the Alcohol - Drug Education Services:* Art Steinmann, Executive Director. *From the Pacifica Treatment Centre:* Kathy Oxner, Executive Director.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference adopted by the House of Commons on Thursday, May 17, 2001, consideration of the factors underlying or relating to the non-medical use of drugs.

The witnesses on the Law Enforcement Panel made statements and answered questions.

At 3:29 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 3:41 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The witnesses from the Education/Prevention/Drug Awareness Panel made statements and answered questions.

At 5:12 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 16

Tuesday, December 4, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of the factors underlying or relating to the non-medical use of drugs

WITNESSES:

Panel – Local Government:

City of Vancouver:

Donald MacPherson, Drug Policy Coordinator, Social Planning Department.

International Benzodiazepine Awareness Network:

Joan Gadsby, Vice-President.

International Drug Education and Awareness Society:

Lynda Bentall, President and Chief Executive Officer.

Vancouver/Richmond Health Board:

Mark McLean, Doctor, Associate Medical Health Officer; Site Coordinator, Canadian
Community Epidemiology Network on Drug Use.





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Meeting No. 16

Tuesday, December 4, 2001

The Special Committee on Non-Medical Use of Drugs met, in a televised session, at 9:15 a.m. this day, in Vancouver, in the Vancouver Island Room, the Chair, Paddy Torsney, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Libby Davies, Dominic LeBlanc, Paddy Torsney and Randy White.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Marilyn Pilon, research officer.

Witnesses: Panel – Local Government: From the City of Vancouver: Donald MacPherson, Drug Policy Coordinator, Social Planning Department. *From the Vancouver/Richmond Health Board:* Dr. Mark McLean, Associate Medical Health Officer, CCENDU Site Coordinator. *the As Individual:* Joan Gadsby. *From the International Drug Education and Awareness Society:* Linda Bentall, President.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference adopted by the House of Commons on Thursday, May 17, 2001, consideration of the factors underlying or relating to the non-medical use of drugs.

The witness on the Local Government Panel made a statement and answered questions.

At 10:57 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:15 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Mark McLean made a statement and answered questions.

At 11:56 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:58 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Joan Gadsby and Lynda Bentall made statements and answered questions.

At 12:36 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 17

Wednesday, December 5, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of the factors underlying or relating to the non-medical use of drugs

WITNESSES:

AIDS Vancouver:

Thomas Kerr, Health Researcher;

Warren O'Briain, Director, Community Development.

B.C. Persons With AIDS Society:

Naomi Brunemeyer, Director of Communications.

British Columbia Civil Liberties Association:

Lindsay Lyster, Policy Director.

Downtown Eastside Youth Activities Society:

John Turvey, Executive Director, Street Services.

Life is Not Enough Society:

Thia Walter, Coordinator.

Vancouver Area Network of Drug Users:

Earl Crow, President;



Ann Livingston, Project Coordinator;

Dean Wilson, Spokesperson.

Vancouver Board of Trade:

Dennis Farrell, Chair, Property Crime Task Force; Co-Chair, Downtown Eastside Task Force;

Glenn Young, Co-Chair, Downtown Eastside Task Force.



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Meeting No. 17

Wednesday, December 5, 2001

The Special Committee on Non-Medical Use of Drugs met, in a televised session, at 9:21 a.m. this day, in Vancouver, in the Vancouver Island Room, the Chair, Paddy Torsney, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Libby Davies, Dominic LeBlanc, Paddy Torsney and Randy White.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Marilyn Pilon, research officer.

Witnesses: Panel – Harm Reduction/Treatment: From the Vancouver Area Network of Drug Users: Earl Crow, President; Dean Wilson. *From the Downtown Eastside Youth Activities Society:* John Turvey, Executive Director, Street Services. *From the BC Persons with Aids Society:* Naomi Brunemeyer, Director of Communications. *From AIDS Vancouver:* Warren O'Briain, Director, Community Development; Thomas Kerr, Health Researcher. *From the Vancouver Board of Trade:* Glenn Young, Co-Chair, Downtown Eastside Task Force; President, International Tradewind Strategies, Inc.; Dennis Farrell, Chair, Property Crime Task Force; Co-Chair, Downtown Eastside Task Force. *From the British Columbia Civil Liberties Association:* Lindsay Lyster, Policy Director. *From Life Is Not Enough Society:* Thia Walter, Family Member, Co-ordinator. *From the Vancouver Area Network of Drug Users:* Ann Livingston, Project Coordinator.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference adopted by the House of Commons on Thursday, May 17, 2001, consideration of the factors underlying or relating to the non-medical use of drugs.

The witnesses on the Harm Reduction/Treatment Panel made statements and answered questions.

At 11:21 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:35 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Dennis Farrell and Glenn Young made statements and answered questions.

Lindsay Lyster, Thia Walter and Ann Livingston made statements and answered questions.

At 1:31 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 18

Thursday, December 6, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of the factors underlying or relating to the non-medical use of drugs

WITNESSES:

Abbotsford Addiction Centre:

Charlaine Avery, Clinical Director.

Abbotsford Detox and Youth Rehab Steering Committee:

Uultsje De Jong.

Abbotsford Downtown Business Area:

Mary Reeves, Executive Director.

Abbotsford Police Victims Services:

Delaine Milette, Coordinator.

Abbotsford School Board District:

Joanne Field, Vice-Chair.

Campbell Valley Women's Centre:

Terri-Lee Seeley, Executive Director.



Cannabis Culture Magazine:

Dana Larsen, Editor.

Children of the Street Society:

Diane Sowden, Executive Director and Co-Founder.

City of Abbotsford:

George Ferguson, Mayor.

Full Circle Life Recovery Strategy:

Andy Rowe, Director.

National Training Centre for Self-Protection and Functional Fitness:

John Parker, Director.

W.J. Mouat Secondary School:

Des McKay, Principal.

Wagner Hills Farm:

Helmut Boehm, Executive Director.

As Individuals:

Jamie Hamilton;

Marcyne Heinrichs;

Barry Neufeld;

Les Talvio.



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Meeting No. 18

Thursday, December 6, 2001

The Special Committee on Non-Medical Use of Drugs met at 2:46 p.m. this day, in the Azalea Room, Garden Park Tower, Abbotsford, B.C., the Chair, Paddy Torsney, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Dominic Leblanc, Paddy Torsney and Randy White.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Marilyn Pilon, research officer.

Witnesses: From the Campbell Valley Women's Centre: Terri-Lee Seeley, Executive Director. *As Individual:* Jamie Hamilton. *From Taking Back the Streets:* Diane Sowden. *From the Abbotsford Detox Steering Committee:* Uultje De Jong. *From Cannabis Culture Magazine:* Dana Larsen, Editor. *From the Abbotsford Downtown Business Area:* Mary Reeves, Executive Director. *From the Abbotsford School Board District:* Joanne Field, Vice-Chair; Des McKay, Principal, W.J. Movat Secondary School. *As Individual:* Marcyne Heinrichs. *From the City of Abbotsford:* His Worship George F. Ferguson, Mayor. *From the Abbotsford Police Victims Services:* Delaine Milette, Coordinator. *From Full Circle Life Recovery Strategy:* Andy Rowe, Director. *From Wagner Hill Farms:* Helmut Boehm, Executive Director. *As Individual:* Barry Neufeld, Abbotsford youth probation officer. *From the National Training Centre:* John Parker, Director, Self-Protection and Functional Fitness. *From the Abbotsford Addiction Centre:* Charlaïne Avery, Clinical Director. *As Individual:* Les Talvio.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference adopted by the House of Commons on Thursday, May 17, 2001, consideration of the factors underlying or relating to the non-medical use of drugs.

Terri-Lee Seeley, Jamie Hamilton, Diane Sowden, Uultje De Jong and Dana Larsen made statements and answered questions.

At 3:40 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 3:41 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Mary Reeves, Joanne Field, Des McKay, Marcyne Heinrichs, George Ferguson and Delaine Milette made statements and answered questions.

At 4:33 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:36 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Andy Rowe, Helmut Boehm, Barry Neufeld, John Parker, Charlaïne Avery and Les Talvio made statements and answered questions.

At 5:22 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 19

Wednesday, January 30, 2002

IN CAMERA





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Meeting No. 19

Wednesday, January 30, 2002

The Special Committee on Non-Medical Use of Drugs met *in camera* at 3:41 p.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Paddy Torsney, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Carole-Marie Allard, Libby Davies, Derek Lee, Réal Ménard, Paddy Torsney and Randy White.

Acting Members present: Roger Cuzner for Dominic Leblanc; Hedy Fry for Stephen Owen.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Chantal Collin and Marilyn Pilon, research officers.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference adopted by the House of Commons on Thursday, May 17, 2001, consideration of the factors underlying or relating to the non-medical use of drugs. (*See Minutes of Proceedings, Thursday, June 7, 2001, Meeting No. 1*).

The Committee met to consider its future business.

It was agreed, - That the revised budget in the amount of \$582,172 be the budget for the Special Committee on non-medical use of drugs, and that it be submitted to the Board of Internal Economy for approval as soon as possible.

At 5:09 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 20

Wednesday, February 6, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

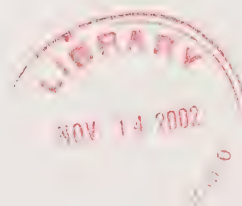
Consideration of the factors underlying or relating to the non-medical use of drugs

WITNESSES:

Office of the Auditor General of Canada:

David Brittain, Principal, RCMP & Solicitor General, Audit Operations Branch;

Michael McLaughlin, Deputy Auditor General of Canada.





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Meeting No. 20

Wednesday, February 6, 2002

The Special Committee on Non-Medical Use of Drugs met at 3:37 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Paddy Torsney, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Carole-Marie Allard, Libby Davies, Dominic LeBlanc, Derek Lee, Kevin Sorenson, Paddy Torsney and Randy White.

Acting Member present: Hedy Fry for Stephen Owen.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Chantal Collin and Marilyn Pilon, research officers.

Witnesses: From the Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Michael McLaughlin, Deputy Auditor General; David Brittain, Principal.

Pursuant to the Orders of Reference adopted by the House of Commons on Thursday, May 17, 2001, and Thursday, November 8, 2001, the Committee resumed consideration of the factors underlying or relating to the non-medical use of drugs (*See Minutes of Proceedings of Thursday, June 7, 2001, Meeting No. 1*).

Michael McLaughlin made a statement and, with the other witness, answered questions.

At 5:39 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 21

Thursday, February 7, 2002

IN CAMERA





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Meeting No. 21

Thursday, February 7, 2002

The Special Committee on Non-Medical Use of Drugs met *in camera* at 3:52 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Paddy Torsney, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Carole-Marie Allard, Libby Davies, Derek Lee, Réal Ménard, Paddy Torsney and Randy White.

Acting Member present: Hedy Fry for Stephen Owen.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Chantal Collin and Marily Pilon, research officers.

Pursuant to the Orders of Reference adopted by the House of Commons on Thursday, May 17, 2001, and Thursday, November 8, 2001, the Committee resumed consideration of the factors underlying or relating to the non-medical use of drugs (*See Minutes of Proceedings of Thursday, June 7, 2001, Meeting No. 1*).

The Committee met to consider its future business.

At 5:08 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 22

Monday, February 18, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of the factors underlying or relating to the non-medical use of drugs

WITNESSES:

Canadian Foundation for Drug Policy and Harm Reduction Network:

Diane Riley.

Centre for Addiction and Mental Health:

Patricia Erickson, Senior Scientist.

Osgoode Hall Law School:

Alan Young, Associate Professor.

University of Toronto:

Peggy Millson, Department of Public Health Sciences;

Robert Remis, Associate Professor, Department of Public Health Sciences.





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Meeting No. 22

Monday, February 18, 2002

The Special Committee on Non-Medical Use of Drugs met at 9:17 a.m. this day, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Ballroom B, Toronto, Ontario, the Chair, Paddy Torsney, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Libby Davies, Derek Lee, Paddy Torsney and Randy White.

Acting Member present: Hedy Fry for Stephen Owen.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Chantal Collin and Marilyn Pilon, research officers.

Witnesses: Panel – Research and Drug Policy: From the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health: Dr. Patricia Erickson, Senior Scientist. *From the York University:* Alan N. Young, Associate Professor, Osgoode Hall Law School. *From the Canadian Foundation for Drug Policy and Harm Reduction Network:* Dr. Diane Riley. *From the University of Toronto:* Dr. Robert Remis, Associate Professor, Department of Public Health Sciences; Dr. Peggy Millson, Department of Public Health Sciences.

Pursuant to the Orders of Reference adopted by the House of Commons on Thursday, May 17, 2001, Thursday, November 8, 2001 and Friday, February 8, 2002, the Committee resumed consideration of the factors underlying or relating to the non-medical use of drugs (*See Minutes of Proceedings of Thursday, June 7, 2001, Meeting No. 1*).

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 11:02 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:13 a.m., the sitting resumed.

At 12:18 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 23

Monday, February 18, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of the factors underlying or relating to the non-medical use of drugs

WITNESSES:

Centre for Addiction and Mental Health:

Mike Naymark.

Department of Justice:

Croft Michaelson, Senior General Counsel, Criminal Law Branch.

Halton Regional Police Services:

Signy Pittman, Detective Inspector.

Ontario Professional Fire Fighters Association:

George Birtig;

Henry Watson, President.

Queen East Business Association:

Margaret Steeves;

Hélène St-Jacques.



Royal Canadian Mounted Police:

Ron Allan, Inspector, Greater Toronto Area Drug Enforcement Unit.

Toronto Drug Treatment Court:

Kofi Barnes, Senior Counsel.

Toronto East Downtown Neighbourhood Alliance:

Steve Bourgeois, Director;

Madelyn Webb, Chair.

Toronto Police Services:

Courtland Booth, Detective, Central Drug Information Unit;

Julian Fantino, Chief.

Waterloo Regional Police Services:

Bill Stevens, Superintendent, Operational Support;

Matt Torigian, Inspector.



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Meeting No. 23

Monday, February 18, 2002

The Special Committee on Non-Medical Use of Drugs met at 2:06 p.m. this day, in Ballroom B, Crowne Plaza Hotel, Toronto, Ontario, the Chair, Paddy Torsney, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Libby Davies, Derek Lee, Réal Ménard, Paddy Torsney, Randy White.

Acting Member present: Hedy Fry for Stephen Owen.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Chantal Collin and Marilyn Pilon, research officers.

Witnesses: Panel – Enforcement: From the Toronto Police Services: Chief Julian Fantino; Courtland Booth, Central Drug Information Unit. *From the Royal Canadian Mounted Police:* Ron Allen, Greater Toronto Area Drug Enforcement Unit. *From the Halton Regional Police Services:* Signy Pittman. *From the Waterloo Regional Police Services:* Bill Stevens, Operational Support; Matt Torigian, Operational Support. *From the Ontario Professional Fire Fighters Association:* Henry Watson, President; George Birtig. *From the Toronto Drug Treatment Court:* Kofi Barnes, Senior Counsel. *From the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health:* Mike Naymark. *From the Department of Justice:* Croft Michaelson, Senior General Counsel, Criminal Law Branch. *From the Toronto East Downtown Neighbourhood Alliance:* Madelyn Webb, Chair; Steve Bourgeois. *From the Queen East Business Association:* Margaret Steeves; Hélène St. Jacques.

Pursuant to the Orders of Reference adopted by the House of Commons on Thursday, May 17, 2001, Thursday, November 8, 2001, and Friday, February 8, 2002, the Committee resumed consideration of the factors underlying or relating to the non-medical use of drugs (*See Minutes of Proceedings of Thursday, June 7, 2001, Meeting No. 1*)

The witnesses on the Enforcement Panel made statements and answered questions.

At 4:06 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:14 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Croft Michaelson and Kofi Barnes made statements and answered questions.

At 5:30 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:34 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Madelyn Webb, Margaret Steeves and Hélène St. Jacques made statements and, with Steve Bourgeois, answered questions.

At 6:36 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 24

Tuesday, February 19, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of the factors underlying or relating to the non-medical use of drugs

WITNESSES:

Canadian Harm Reduction Network:

Walter Cavalieri, Representative.

Canadian HIV-AIDS Legal Network:

Glenn Betteridge, Member.

Centre for Addiction and Mental Health:

David Marsh, Clinical Director for Addiction Medicine.

Prisoners' HIV/AIDS Support Action Network:

Koshala Nallanayagam, Hep C Coordinator.

Seaton House:

Toby Druce, Program Coordinator;

Chris Gibson, Program Supervisor.





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Meeting No. 24

Tuesday, February 19, 2002

The Special Committee on Non-Medical Use of Drugs met at 8:39 a.m. this day, in Ballroom B, Crowne Plaza Hotel, Toronto, Ontario, the Chair, Paddy Torsney, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Libby Davies, Derek Lee, Paddy Torsney, Randy White.

Acting Member present: Hedy Fry for Stephen Owen.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Chantal Collin and Marilyn Pilon, research officers.

Witnesses: Panel – Harm Reduction: From the The Canadian Harm Reduction Network: Walter Cavalieri. *From the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health:* Dr. David Marsh. *From the Prisoners with HIV/AIDS Support Action Network:* Koshala Nallanayagam, Hep 'C' Co-ordinator. *From the Seaton House:* Toby Druce, Programme Coordinator; Chris Gibson, Programme Supervisor. *From the Canadian HIV-AIDS Legal Network:* Glenn Betteridge, Lawyer.

Pursuant to the Orders of Reference adopted by the House of Commons on Thursday, May 17, 2001, Thursday, November 8, 2001, and Friday, February 8, 2002, the Committee resumed consideration of the factors underlying or relating to the non-medical use of drugs (*See Minutes of Proceedings of Thursday, June 7, 2001, Meeting No. 1*)

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 10:24 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:30 a.m., the sitting resumed.

At 11:33 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carol Chafe

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Meeting No. 25

Thursday, February 21, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of the factors underlying or relating to the non-medical use of drugs

WITNESSES:

Breakaway:

Dennis Long, Executive Director.

Caritas:

Elio Sergnese, Director.

City of Toronto:

Joyce Bernstein, Vice-Chair, Toronto Public Health.

Illicit Drug Users Union of Toronto:

Raffi Balian, Co-founder;

Marc McKenzie, Volunteer.

Operation Springboard:

Wanda McPherson, Coordinator, Diversion Office;

Remo Paglia, Diversion Office.





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Meeting No. 25

Thursday, February 21, 2002

The Special Committee on Non-Medical Use of Drugs met at 9:11 a.m. this day, in Ballroom B, Crowne Plaza Hotel, Toronto, Ontario, the Chair, Paddy Torsney, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Derek Lee, Réal Ménard, Paddy Torsney, Randy White.

Acting Member present: Hedy Fry for Stephen Owen.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Chantal Collin and Marilyn Pilon, research officers.

Witnesses: Panel – Prevention and Drug Treatment: From the Operation Springboard: Remo Paglia; Wanda McPherson, Diversion Office. *From the Toronto Public Health:* Dr. Joyce Bernstein, Drug Prevention Centre. *From the Breakaway:* Dennis Long, Executive Director. *From the Caritas:* Elio Sergnese, Director. *From the illicit Drug Users Union of Toronto:* Raffi Balian, Co-founder; Marc McKenzie, Assitant.

Pursuant to the Orders of Reference adopted by the House of Commons on Thursday, May 17, 2001, Thursday, November 8, 2001, and Friday, February 8, 2002, the Committee resumed consideration of the factors underlying or relating to the non-medical use of drugs (*See Minutes of Proceedings of Thursday, June 7, 2001, Meeting No. 1*)

The witnesses on the Prevention and Drug Treatment Panel made statements and answered questions.

At 10:34 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:43 a.m., the sitting resumed.

At 11:43 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:51 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Raffi Balian made a statement and, with Marc McKenzie, answered questions.

At 12:39 p.m., the Committee proceeded to sit *in camera*.

At 12:47 p.m., the Committee resumed sitting in a public session.

At 12:54 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 26

Thursday, February 21, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of the factors underlying or relating to the non-medical use of drugs

WITNESSES:

Alcohol and Drug Recovery Association of Ontario:

Jeff Wilbee, Executive Director.

Bellwood Total Health Centre:

Linda Bell, President.

Mount Sinai Hospital Foundation of Toronto:

Douglas Gourlay, Pain and Chemical Dependency, Wasser Pain Management Centre.

Ontario Medical Association:

Frank Evans, Chair, Addictions Medicine Committee.

Salvation Army Harbour Light Centre:

Dean Tate, Program Co-ordinator.





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Meeting No. 26

Thursday, February 21, 2002

The Special Committee on Non-Medical Use of Drugs met at 2:09 p.m. this day, in Ballroom B, Crowne Plaza Hotel, Toronto, Ontario, the Chair, Paddy Torsney, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Derek Lee, Réal Ménard, Paddy Torsney, Randy White.

Acting Member present: Hedy Fry for Stephen Owen.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Chantal Collin and Marilyn Pilon, research officers.

Witnesses: Panel – Prevention and Treatment: From the The Jean Tweed Centre: Nancy Usher, Executive Director. *From the Bellwood Total Health Centre:* Linda Bell, President. *From the Salvation Army Harbour Light Centre:* Dean Tate, Programme Co-ordinator. *From the Mount Sinai Hospital Foundation of Toronto:* Dr. Douglas Gourlay, Pain and Chemical Dependency, Wasser Pain Management Centre. *From the Ontario Medical Association:* Dr. Frank Evans, Chair, Addictions Medicine Committee. *From the Alcohol and Drug Recovery Association of Ontario:* Jeff Wilbee, Executive Director.

Pursuant to the Orders of Reference adopted by the House of Commons on Thursday, May 17, 2001, Thursday, November 8, 2001, and Friday, February 8, 2002, the Committee resumed consideration of the factors underlying or relating to the non-medical use of drugs (*See Minutes of Proceedings of Thursday, June 7, 2001, Meeting No. 1*)

The witnesses on the Prevention and Treatment Panel made statements and answered questions.

At 4:22 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:34 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Jeff Wilbee made a statement and answered questions.

At 5:22 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 27

Tuesday, February 26, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of the factors underlying or relating to the non-medical use of drugs

WITNESS:

Parliament of Westminster:

Paul Flynn, Labour Member of Parliament for Newport West.





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Meeting No. 27

Tuesday, February 26, 2002

The Special Committee on Non-Medical Use of Drugs met at 3:26 p.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Paddy Torsney, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Derek Lee, Réal Ménard, Kevin Sorenson and Paddy Torsney.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Chantal Collin and Marilyn Pilon, research officers.

Witness: From the Parliament of Westminster: Paul Flynn, Labour MP, Newport West.

Pursuant to the Orders of Reference adopted by the House of Commons on Thursday, May 17, 2001, Thursday, November 8, 2001, and Friday, February 8, 2002, the Committee resumed consideration of the factors underlying or relating to the non-medical use of drugs (*See Minutes of Proceedings of Thursday, June 7, 2001, Meeting No. 1*)

Paul Flynn made a statement and answered questions.

At 4:35 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Chair: Paddy Torsney, Lib.

Meeting No. 28

Wednesday, February 27, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of the factors underlying or relating to the non-medical use of drugs

WITNESSES:

Health Canada:

Peter Cooney, Acting Director General, Non-Insured Health Benefits, First Nations and
Inuit Health Branch;

Nick Hossack, Senior Manager, Addictions Team, First Nations and Inuit Health Branch.





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Meeting No. 28

Wednesday, February 27, 2002

The Special Committee on Non-Medical Use of Drugs met at 3:34 p.m. this day, in Room 536, Wellington Building, the Chair, Paddy Torsney, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Carole-Marie Allard, Dominic LeBlanc, Derek Lee, Réal Ménard, Paddy Torsney and Randy White.

Other Member present: Hedy Fry.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Chantal Collin and Marilyn Pilon, research officers.

Witnesses: From the Department of Health: Peter Cooney, Acting Director General, Non-Insured Health Benefits, First Nations and Inuit Health Branch; Nick Hossack, Senior Manager, Addictions Team, First Nations and Inuit Health Branch.

Pursuant to the Orders of Reference adopted by the House of Commons on Thursday, May 17, 2001, Thursday, November 8, 2001 and Friday, February 8, 2002, the Committee resumed consideration of the factors underlying or relating to the non-medical use of drugs (*See Minutes of Proceedings of Thursday, June 7, 2001, Meeting No. 1*).

Nick Hossack and Peter Cooney made statements and answered questions.

At 5:27 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carol Chafe

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Paddy Torsney, Lib.

Meeting No. 29

Thursday, February 28, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of the factors underlying or relating to the non-medical use of drugs

WITNESS:

Canadian Foundation for Drug Policy and Harm Reduction Network:

Eugene Oscapella, Executive Director.





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Meeting No. 29

Thursday, February 28, 2002

The Special Committee on Non-Medical Use of Drugs met at 3:40 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Paddy Torsney, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Derek Lee, Réal Ménard, Paddy Torsney and Randy White.

Other Member present: Hedy Fry.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Chantal Collin and Marilyn Pilon, research officers.

Witness: From the Canadian Foundation for Drug Policy and Harm Reduction Network: Eugene Oscapella, Executive Director.

Pursuant to the Orders of Reference adopted by the House of Commons on Thursday, May 17, 2001, Thursday, November 8, 2001 and Friday, February 8, 2002, the Committee resumed consideration of the factors underlying or relating to the non-medical use of drugs (*See Minutes of Proceedings of Thursday, June 7, 2001, Meeting No. 1*).

The witness made an opening statement and answered questions.

At 5:15 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Eugene Morawski

Committee Clerk

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Meeting No. 30

Monday, March 11, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of the factors underlying or relating to the non-medical use of drugs

WITNESS:

University of Ottawa:

Line Beauchesne, Associate Professor, Department of Criminology.





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Meeting No. 30

Monday, March 11, 2002

The Special Committee on Non-Medical Use of Drugs met at 3:37 p.m. this day, in Room 701, La Promenade Building, the Chair, Paddy Torsney, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Carole-Marie Allard, Mac Harb, Dominic LeBlanc, Derek Lee, Réal Ménard, Kevin Sorenson, Paddy Torsney and Randy White.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Chantal Collin and Marilyn Pilon, research officers.

Witness: From the University of Ottawa: Line Beauchesne, Associate Professor, Department of Criminology.

Pursuant to the Orders of Reference adopted by the House of Commons on Thursday, May 17, 2001, Thursday, November 8, 2001 and Friday, February 8, 2002, the Committee resumed consideration of the factors underlying or relating to the non-medical use of drugs (*See Minutes of Proceedings of Thursday, June 7, 2001, Meeting No. 1*).

The witness made a statement and answered questions.

At 5:24 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carol Chafe

Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 31

Wednesday, March 13, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of the factors underlying or relating to the non-medical use of drugs

WITNESSES:

Physicians for a Smoke-Free Canada:

Cynthia Callard, Executive Director;

Christy Ferguson, Researcher;

James (Jim) Walker, Doctor, Secretary-Treasurer.





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Meeting No. 31

Wednesday, March 13, 2002

The Special Committee on Non-Medical Use of Drugs met at 4:15 p.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Vice-Chair, Randy White, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Carole-Marie Allard, Hedy Fry, Réal Ménard, Paddy Torsney and Randy White.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Chantal Collin and Marilyn Pilon, research officers.

Witnesses: From Physicians for a Smoke-Free Canada: Dr. Jim Walker, Secretary-Treasurer; Cynthia Callard, Executive Director; Christy Ferguson, Researcher.

Pursuant to the Orders of Reference adopted by the House of Commons on Thursday, May 17, 2001, the Committee resumed consideration of the factors underlying or relating to the non-medical use of drugs (*See Minutes of Proceedings of Thursday, June 7, 2001, Meeting No. 1*).

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 4:17 p.m., Paddy Torsney took the Chair.

At 5:22 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carol Chafe

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Meeting No. 32

Monday, April 8, 2002

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Meeting No. 32

Monday, April 8, 2002

The Special Committee on Non-Medical Use of Drugs met *in camera* at 3:50 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Paddy Torsney, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Libby Davies, Mac Harb, Derek Lee, Réal Ménard, Kevin Sorenson, Paddy Torsney and Randy White.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Chantal Collin and Marilyn Pilon, research officers.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference adopted by the House of Commons on Thursday, May 17, 2001, the Committee resumed consideration of the factors underlying or relating to the non-medical use of drugs (*See Minutes of Proceedings of Thursday, June 7, 2001, Meeting No. 1*).

The Committee met to consider its future business.

At 5:16 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carol Chafe

Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 33

Wednesday, April 10, 2002

IN CAMERA





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Meeting No. 33

Wednesday, April 10, 2002

The Special Committee on Non-Medical Use of Drugs met *in camera* at 3:50 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Paddy Torsney, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Libby Davies, Hedy Fry, Dominic LeBlanc, Réal Ménard, Paddy Torsney and Randy White.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Chantal Collin, research officer.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference adopted by the House of Commons on Thursday, May 17, 2001, the Committee resumed consideration of the factors underlying or relating to the non-medical use of drugs (*See Minutes of Proceedings of Thursday, June 7, 2001, Meeting No. 1*).

The Committee met to consider its future business.

At 4:31 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carol Chafe

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Meeting No. 34

Monday, April 15, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of the factors underlying or relating to the non-medical use of drugs

WITNESSES:

Department of Health and Social Services of Prince Edward Island:

Maureen McIver, Provincial Addictions Consultant;

Kevin McKinnon, Co-ordinator, Youth and Family Programs.

Royal Canadian Mounted Police:

Rick Gibbons, Joint Drug Enforcement;

Ken Murray, Co-Chair, Hep C Committee; Coordinator, Drug Awareness Service of Prince Edward Island, L Division.

Talbot House:

Wayne Clark, Director.





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Meeting No. 34

Monday, April 15, 2002

The Special Committee on Non-Medical Use of Drugs met at 8:36 a.m. this day, in the Elfin Pekeha Room, Delta Prince Edward Hotel, Charlottetown, P.E.I., the Chair, Paddy Torsney, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Carole-Marie Allard, Libby Davies, Kevin Sorenson, Paddy Torsney and Randy White.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Chantal Collin and Marilyn Pilon, research officers.

Witnesses: From the Department of Health and Social Services of Prince Edward Island: Maureen McIver, Provincial Addictions Consultant, Child, Family and Community Services; Kevin McKinnon, Co-ordinator, Youth and Family Programs. *From Talbot House:* Wayne Clark, Director. *From the Royal Canadian Mounted Police:* Rick Gibbons, Joint Drug Enforcement; Cpl Ken Murray, Co-Chair, Hep "C" Committee.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference adopted by the House of Commons on Thursday, May 17, 2001, consideration of the factors underlying or relating to the non-medical use of drugs, and of Wednesday, March 20, 2002, the Committee resumed consideration of the factors underlying or relating to the non-medical use of drugs (*See Minutes of Proceedings of Thursday, June 7, 2001, Meeting No. 1*).

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 11:38 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 35

Tuesday, April 16, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of the factors underlying or relating to the non-medical use of drugs

WITNESSES:

Marijuana Party of Canada:

Mike Patriquen, Member.

Memorial University of Newfoundland:

Robert Adamec, Faculty of Psychology;

William McKim, Faculty of Psychology.





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Meeting No. 35

Tuesday, April 16, 2002

The Special Committee on Non-Medical Use of Drugs met at 8:40 a.m. this day, in the Bluenose Room, Delta Halifax Hotel, Halifax, the Chair, Paddy Torsney, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Carole-Marie Allard, Libby Davies, Hedy Fry, Dominic LeBlanc, Derek Lee, Réal Ménard, Kevin Sorenson, Paddy Torsney and Randy White.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Chantal Collin and Marilyn Pilon, research officers.

Witnesses: Research and Drug Policy Panel: From the Memorial University of Newfoundland: Dr. Robert Adamec, Professor of Psychology; Dr. William A. McKim, Professor of Psychology. *From the Marijuana Party of Canada:* Mike Patriquen.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference adopted by the House of Commons on Thursday, May 17, 2001, consideration of the factors underlying or relating to the non-medical use of drugs, and of Wednesday, March 20, 2002, the Committee resumed consideration of the factors underlying or relating to the non-medical use of drugs (*See Minutes of Proceedings of Thursday, June 7, 2001, Meeting No. 1*).

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 10:36 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:47 a.m., the sitting resumed.

By unanimous consent, the Committee proceeded to consideration of its travel plans.

It was agreed, - That four members and one researcher travel to Vancouver to participate in the IDEAS Conference from May 1 to 3, 2002 inclusive.

It was agreed, - That the Special Committee on the Non-Medical Use of Drugs seek the authorization of the House to travel to Switzerland, Germany and the Netherlands from June 14 to 22, 2002 inclusive, in relation to its mandate, and that the necessary staff accompany the Committee.

It was agreed, - That the Special Committee on the Non-Medical Use of Drugs seek the authorization of the House to travel to New York and Washington from June 2 to June 6, 2002, and that the necessary staff accompany the committee.

It was agreed, - That the Clerk, in consultation with the Chair, be instructed to make the necessary travel arrangements to Europe using the most cost-effective routing.

At 11:58 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 36

Wednesday, April 17, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of the factors underlying or relating to the non-medical use of drugs

WITNESSES:

AIDS New Brunswick:

Margaret Dykeman, President.

Dalhousie University:

Christiane Poulin, Associate Professor, Department of Community Health and
Epidemiology.

Halifax Regional Police Drug:

Rosco Larder, Sergeant.

Healing Our Nations:

Renée Masching, Executive Director.

Miramichi Police Force:

Mike Gallagher, Corporal, Supervisor, Drug Section.



Royal Canadian Mounted Police:

Michel Frenette, Sergeant, Drug Awareness Services Coordinator, Fredericton, New Brunswick;

Peter Keirstead, Corporal, Drug Awareness Service, "H" Division, Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Royal Canadian Mounted Police Coastal Watch Program:

Jim Skanes, Sergeant, "B" Division.

SANE Sharp Advice Needle Exchange:

Howie Sullivan, Executive Director.

York County Court House:

Dianne Kelly, Chief Coroner, Province of New Brunswick.



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Meeting No. 36

Wednesday, April 17, 2002

The Special Committee on Non-Medical Use of Drugs met at 8:42 a.m. this day, in the Bluenose Room, Delta Halifax Hotel, Halifax, the Chair, Paddy Torsney, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Carole-Marie Allard, Libby Davies, Hedy Fry, Dominic LeBlanc, Derek Lee, Réal Ménard, Kevin Sorenson, Paddy Torsney and Randy White.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Chantal Collin and Marilyn Pilon, research officers.

Witnesses: Law Enforcement Panel: From the RCMP Coastal Watch Programme: Sgt. Jim Skanes, "B" Division. From the Royal Canadian Mounted Police: Cpl. Michel Frenette, Drug Awareness Services Coordinator, Fredericton, New Brunswick. From the RCMP DAS Programme: Cpl Peter Keirstead. From the York County Court House: Dianne Kelly, Chief Coroner, Province of New Brunswick. From the Miramichi Police Force: Cpl Mike Gallagher, Supervisor, Drug Section. From the Halifax Regional Police Drug Unit: Sgt Rosco Larder. Harm Reduction Panel: From SANE Sharp Advice Needle Exchange: Howie Sullivan, Executive Director. From Healing Our Nation: Renée Masching, Executive Director. From AIDS New Brunswick: Margaret Dykeman, President. From Dalhousie University: Dr. Christiane Poulin, Associate Professor, Department of Community Health and Epidemiology.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference adopted by the House of Commons on Thursday, May 17, 2001, consideration of the factors underlying or relating to the non-medical use of drugs, and of Wednesday, March 20, 2002, the Committee resumed consideration of the factors underlying or relating to the non-medical use of drugs (*See Minutes of Proceedings of Thursday, June 7, 2001, Meeting No. 1*).

The witnesses on the Law Enforcement Panel made statements and answered questions.

At 10:49 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:01 a.m., the sitting resumed.

The witnesses on the Harm Reduction Panel made statements and answered questions.

At 1:06 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 37

Thursday, April 18, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of the factors underlying or relating to the non-medical use of drugs

WITNESSES:

Charles J. Andrew Youth Restoration Centre:

John Graham, Executive Director.

Department of Health, Government of Nova Scotia:

Shaun Black, Pharmacologist, Central Region, Nova Scotia Drug Dependency Service.

Direction 180:

Cindy MacIsaac, Program Director.





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Meeting No. 37

Thursday, April 18, 2002

The Special Committee on Non-Medical Use of Drugs met at 9:08 a.m. this day, in the Bluenose Room, Delta Halifax Hotel, Halifax, the Chair, Paddy Torsney, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hedy Fry, Dominic LeBlanc, Derek Lee, Réal Ménard, Kevin Sorenson, Paddy Torsney and Randy White.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Chantal Collin and Marilyn Pilon, research officers.

Witnesses: Prevention Treatment Panel: From the Charles J. Andrew Restoration Centre: John Graham, Executive Director. *From the Nova Scotia Department of Health:* Shaun Black, Pharmacologist, Drug Dependency, Central Region. *From Direction 180:* Cindy MacIsaac, Programme Director.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference adopted by the House of Commons on Thursday, May 17, 2001, consideration of the factors underlying or relating to the non-medical use of drugs, and of Wednesday, March 20, 2002, the Committee resumed consideration of the factors underlying or relating to the non-medical use of drugs (*See Minutes of Proceedings of Thursday, June 7, 2001, Meeting No. 1*).

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 11:40 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carol Chafe

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Meeting No. 38

Monday, April 22, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of the factors underlying or relating to the non-medical use of drugs

WITNESSES:

Ontario Provincial Police:

Rick Barnum, Detective Staff Sergeant;

Gwen Boniface, Commissioner;

Morris Elbers, Superintendent;

Jim Hutchinson, Detective Superintendent.





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Meeting No. 38

Monday, April 22, 2002

The Special Committee on Non-Medical Use of Drugs met in a televised session at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Paddy Torsney, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Libby Davies, Mac Harb, Dominic LeBlanc, Derek Lee, Réal Ménard, Kevin Sorenson and Paddy Torsney.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Chantal Collin and Marilyn Pilon, research officers.

Witnesses: From the Ontario Provincial Police: Gwen Boniface, Commissioner; Jim Hutchinson; Morris Elbers; Rick Barnum.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference adopted by the House of Commons on Thursday, May 17, 2001, and of Wednesday, April 17, 2002, referring the subject matter of Bill C-344, An Act to amend the Contraventions Act and the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act (marihuana) to the Special Committee, the Committee resumed consideration of the factors underlying or relating to the non-medical use of drugs (*See Minutes of Proceedings of Thursday, June 7, 2001, Meeting No. 1*).

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 5:28 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carol Chafe

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Meeting No. 39

Wednesday, April 24, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of the factors underlying or relating to the non-medical use of drugs

WITNESSES:

Federation of Canadian Municipalities:

Bill Marra, Chair, Standing Committee on Community Safety and Crime Prevention;

Janet Neves, Policy Analyst.





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Meeting No. 39

Wednesday, April 24, 2002

The Special Committee on Non-Medical Use of Drugs met at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Paddy Torsney, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Carole-Marie Allard, Derek Lee, Réal Ménard, Kevin Sorenson, Paddy Torsney and Randy White.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Chantal Collin, research officer.

Witnesses: From the Federation of Canadian Municipalities: Bill Marra, Councillor, Chair, FCM's Standing Committee on Community Safety and Crime Prevention; Janet Neves, Policy Analyst.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference adopted by the House of Commons on Thursday, May 17, 2001, and of Wednesday, April 17, 2002, referring the subject matter of Bill C-344, An Act to amend the Contraventions Act and the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act (marihuana) to the Special Committee, the Committee resumed consideration of the factors underlying or relating to the non-medical use of drugs (*See Minutes of Proceedings of Thursday, June 7, 2001, Meeting No. 1*).

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 4:54 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carol Chafe

Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 40

Thursday, April 25, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of the factors underlying or relating to the non-medical use of drugs

WITNESS:

House of Commons:

Keith Martin, Canadian Alliance, Member from *Esquimalt—Juan de Fuca*.





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Meeting No. 40

Thursday, April 25, 2002

The Special Committee on Non-Medical Use of Drugs met in a televised session at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Paddy Torsney, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Carole-Marie Allard, Bernard Bigras, Hedy Fry, Derek Lee, Réal Ménard, Kevin Sorenson, Paddy Torsney and Randy White.

Acting Members present: Stéphane Bergeron for Bernard Bigras; André Harvey for Jacques Saada; Diane Marleau for Dominic Leblanc; Brent St-Denis for Jacques Saada and Guy St-Julien for Mac Harb.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Chantal Collin and Marilyn Pilon, research officers.

Witness: From the House of Commons: Keith Martin, Esquimalt--Juan de Fuca.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference adopted by the House of Commons on Thursday, May 17, 2001, and of Wednesday, April 17, 2002, referring the subject matter of Bill C-344, An Act to amend the Contraventions Act and the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act (marihuana) to the Special Committee, the Committee resumed consideration of the factors underlying or relating to the non-medical use of drugs (*See Minutes of Proceedings of Thursday, June 7, 2001, Meeting No. 1*).

Pursuant to the notice of motion requirements adopted by the Committee at its meeting of Thursday, June 7, 2001, Réal Ménard moved the following motion:

That this Committee unreservedly denounce the unjust and antidemocratic manner in which the government treated Keith Martin's private member's bill on the decriminalization of cannabis.

And debate arose thereon.

A point of order was raised as to the procedural acceptability of the motion. The Chair ruled:

RULING BY THE CHAIR:

The motion is in contravention of Standing Order 18 and page 525, second paragraph of the House of Commons Procedure and Practice - "Members may not speak against or reflect upon any decision of the House." I must therefore declare the motion out of order.

Whereupon, Réal Ménard appealed the decision of the Chair.

The question was put on the decision and it was by a recorded division sustained.

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Carole-Marie Allard

Derek Lee

Hedy Fry

Diane Marleau

André Harvey

Guy St-Julien - 6

NAYS

Stéphane Bergeron

Kevin Sorenson

Réal Ménard

Randy White - 4

Derek Lee moved, - That the second motion of Réal Ménard relating to the distribution of documents in both official languages be debated following the testimony of the witness.

And debate arose thereon.

At 4:13 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:16 p.m., the sitting resumed.

By unanimous consent, the motion of Derek Lee was withdrawn.

Pursuant to notice of motion requirements adopted by the Committee at its meeting of Thursday, June 7, 2002: On motion of Réal Ménard, it was unanimously agreed, - That this Committee proceed with the distribution of documents only when they are available in both official languages.

The Committee proceeded to consideration of its Order of the Day.

Keith Martin made a statement and answered questions.

At 5:04 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carol Chafe

Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 41

Wednesday, May 1, 2002

IN CAMERA





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Meeting No. 41

Wednesday, May 1st, 2002

The Special Committee on Non-Medical Use of Drugs met *in camera* at 3:44 p.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Paddy Torsney, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Carole-Marie Allard, Libby Davies, Derek Lee, Réal Ménard, Kevin Sorenson and Paddy Torsney.

Acting Member present: Joe Volpe for Mac Harb.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Marilyn Pilon, research officer.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference adopted by the House of Commons on Thursday, May 17, 2001, and of Wednesday, April 17, 2002, referring the subject matter of Bill C-344, An Act to amend the Contraventions Act and the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act (marihuana) to the Special Committee, the Committee resumed consideration of the factors underlying or relating to the non-medical use of drugs (*See Minutes of Proceedings of Thursday, June 7, 2001, Meeting No. 1*).

The Committee considered its future business related to re-scheduling its hearings in Edmonton and Saskatoon.

On motion of Joe Volpe, it was agreed, -- That the Committee seek the authorization of the House to travel to Edmonton and Saskatoon from May 21 to 24, 2002 inclusive in relation to its mandate and, that the necessary staff accompany the Committee.

At 4:12 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carol Chafe

Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 42

Wednesday, May 8, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of the factors underlying or relating to the non-medical use of drugs

WITNESSES:

Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police:

Michael J. Boyd, Deputy Chief, Policing Support Command, Toronto Police Service, Chair,
Drug Abuse Committee;

Jim Hutchinson, Detective Superintendent, Director, Drug Enforcement, Investigation
Bureau, Investigation/Organized Crime, Ontario Provincial Police, Member, Drug
Abuse Committee;

Michel Pelletier, Staff Sergeant, National Coordinator, Drug Awareness, RCMP, Technical
Advisor.

Canadian Police Association:

Glen Hayden, Detective;

Mike Niebudek, Vice-President.





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Meeting No. 42

Wednesday, May 8, 2002

The Special Committee on Non-Medical Use of Drugs met in a televised session at 3:47 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Paddy Torsney, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hedy Fry, Derek Lee, Réal Ménard, Kevin Sorenson and Paddy Torsney.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Marilyn Pilon, researcher.

Witnesses: From the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police: Michael Boyd, Toronto Police Services, Chair, Drug Abuse Committee; Jim Hutchinson, Ontario Provincial Police; Michel Pelletier, National Coordinator, Drug Awareness Service. *From the Canadian Police Association:* Mike Niebudek, Vice-President; Glen Hayden, Former Drug Investigator with Edmonton Police Service and CPA Vice-President.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference adopted by the House of Commons on Thursday, May 17, 2001, and of Wednesday, April 17, 2002, referring the subject matter of Bill C-344, An Act to amend the Contraventions Act and the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act (marihuana) to the Special Committee, the Committee resumed consideration of the factors underlying or relating to the non-medical use of drugs (*See Minutes of Proceedings of Thursday, June 7, 2001, Meeting No. 1*).

Michael Boyd, Mike Niebudek and Glen Hayden made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 5:41 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carol Chafe

Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 43

Tuesday, May 21, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of the factors underlying or relating to the non-medical use of drugs

WITNESSES:

Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission:

Ed Sawka, Director, Research Services.

Capital Health Authority:

Marcia Johnson, Deputy Medical Officer of Health.

Royal Canadian Mounted Police:

Doug Carruthers, Staff Sergeant;

Jim Jancsek, Corporal.

University of Alberta:

Cameron Wild, Professor, Centre for Health Promotion Studies.





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Meeting No. 43

Tuesday, May 21, 2002

The Special Committee on Non-Medical Use of Drugs met at 2:35 p.m. this day, in the Empire Ballroom, Fairmont Hotel MacDonald, Edmonton, Alberta, the Chair, Paddy Torsney, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Dominic LeBlanc and Paddy Torsney.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Chantal Collin and Marilyn Pilon, research officers.

Witnesses: From the University of Alberta: Prof. Cameron Wild, Centre for Health Promotion Studies. *From Capital Health Authority:* Dr. Marcia Johnson, Deputy Medical Officer of Health. *From the Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission:* Ed Sawka, Director, Research Studies. *From the Royal Canadian Mounted Police:* Doug Carruthers; Cpl Jim Jancsek.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference adopted by the House of Commons on Thursday, May 17, 2001, the Order of Reference of Wednesday, April 17, 2002, referring the subject matter of Bill C-344, An Act to amend the Contraventions Act and the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act (marihuana) to the Special Committee, and the Order of Tuesday, May 7, 2002, the Committee resumed consideration of the factors underlying or relating to the non-medical use of drugs (*See Minutes of Proceedings of Thursday, June 7, 2001, Meeting No. 1*).

The witnesses made opening statements and answered questions.

At 4:06 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:16 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The witnesses made opening statements and answered questions.

At 5:23 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Eugene Morawski

Committee Clerk

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Chair: Paddy Torsney, Lib.

Meeting No. 44

Wednesday, May 22, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of the factors underlying or relating to the non-medical use of drugs

WITNESSES:

Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission:

Howard Faulkner, Executive Director, Prevention/Treatment Services;

Kathy Landry, Manager, Northern Addiction Centre;

Beth Lipsett, Manager, Adult Counselling and Prevention Services.

Aventa:

Cathy Wood, Manager.

Boyle Street Co-op:

Faye Dewar, Street Reach Worker.

DARE Evaluation Committee of Alberta:

Debra Williams, Chair.

HIV Edmonton:

Deborah Foster, Program Manager;

Kate Gunn, Interim Director.



St. Albert Association for People with Disabilities:

Julie-Ann Miller, PARTY Coordinator.

Streetworks:

Marliss Taylor, Manager.



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Meeting No. 44

Wednesday, May 22, 2002

The Special Committee on Non-Medical Use of Drugs met at 8:41 a.m. this day, in the Empire Ballroom, Fairmont Hotel MacDonald, Edmonton, Alberta, the Chair, Paddy Torsney, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Dominic LeBlanc and Paddy Torsney.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Chantal Collin and Marilyn Pilon, research officers.

Witnesses: From the Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission: Howard Faulkner, Executive Director, Prevention/Treatment Services; Kathy Landry, Manager, AADAC Northern Addiction Centre. *From Aventa:* Cathy Wood, Manager. *From the St. Albert Association for People with Disabilities:* Julie-Ann Miller, PARTY Coordinator. *From the DARE Evaluation Committee of Alberta:* Debra Williams, Chair. *From Streetworks:* Marliss Taylor, Manager. *From HIV Edmonton:* Kate Gunn, Interim Director; Deborah Foster, Programme Manager. *From the Boyle Street Co-op:* Faye Dewar, Street Reach Worker. *From the Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission:* Beth Lipsett, Manager, Adult Counselling and Prevention Services.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference adopted by the House of Commons on Thursday, May 17, 2001, the Order of Reference of Wednesday, April 17, 2002, referring the subject matter of Bill C-344, An Act to amend the Contraventions Act and the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act (marihuana) to the Special Committee, and the Order of Tuesday, May 7, 2002, the Committee resumed consideration of the factors underlying or relating to the non-medical use of drugs (*See Minutes of Proceedings of Thursday, June 7, 2001, Meeting No. 1*).

The witnesses made opening statements and answered questions.

At 10:40 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:50 a.m., the sitting resumed.

The witnesses made opening statements and answered questions.

At 12:39 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Eugene Morawski

Committee Clerk

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Meeting No. 45

Wednesday, May 22, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of the factors underlying or relating to the non-medical use of drugs

WITNESSES:

Métis Indian Town Alcohol Association:

Doug Bellerose, Executive Director.

Native Addictions Services Society:

Shawn Meier, Program Manager.

Native Counselling Services of Alberta:

Allen Benson, Chief Executive Officer.

Rocky Mountain House Native Friendship Centre:

Ellen Sanderson, Addictions Coordinator.





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Meeting No. 45

Wednesday, May 22, 2002

The Special Committee on Non-Medical Use of Drugs met at 1:24 p.m. this day, in the Empire Ballroom, Fairmont Hotel MacDonald, Edmonton, Alberta, the Chair, Paddy Torsney, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Dominic LeBlanc and Paddy Torsney.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Chantal Collin and Marilyn Pilon, research officers.

Witnesses: From the Rocky Mountain House Native Friendship Centre: Ellen Sanderson. *From the Métis Indian Town Alcohol Association:* Doug Bellerose, Executive Director. *From the Native Counselling Services of Alberta:* Allen Benson, Chief Executive Officer. *From the Native Addictions Services Society:* Shawn Meier, Programme Manager.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference adopted by the House of Commons on Thursday, May 17, 2001, the Order of Reference of Wednesday, April 17, 2002, referring the subject matter of Bill C-344, An Act to amend the Contraventions Act and the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act (marihuana) to the Special Committee, and the Order of Tuesday, May 7, 2002, the Committee resumed consideration of the factors underlying or relating to the non-medical use of drugs (*See Minutes of Proceedings of Thursday, June 7, 2001, Meeting No. 1*).

The witnesses made opening statements and answered questions.

At 3:15 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Eugene Morawski

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Meeting No. 46

Thursday, May 23, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of the factors underlying or relating to the non-medical use of drugs

WITNESSES:

Faith Alive Ministries:

Ross Powell, Reverend.

Regina Health District:

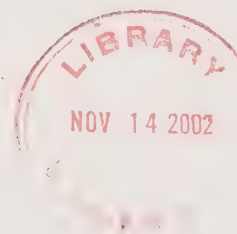
Lyell Armitage, Former Director, Alcohol and Drug Services.

Saskatoon District Health:

Sandra Lane, Primary Prevention Worker.

White Buffalo Youth Lodge:

Gary Beaudin, Executive Director.





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Meeting No. 46

Thursday, May 23, 2002

The Special Committee on Non-Medical Use of Drugs met at 1:24 p.m. this day, in the Battleford Ballroom, Delta Bessborough Hotel, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, the Chair, Paddy Torsney, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Dominic LeBlanc, Réal Ménard and Paddy Torsney.

Acting Member present: Carol Skelton for Kevin Sorenson.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Chantal Collin and Marilyn Pilon, research officers.

Witnesses: From Faith Alive Ministries: Rev. Ross Powell. *From the Regina Health District:* Lyell Armitage, Former Director, Alcohol and Drug Services. *From Saskatoon District Health:* Sandra Lane, Primary Prevention Worker, Addictions Services. *From the White Buffalo Youth Lodge:* Gary Beaudin, Executive Director.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference adopted by the House of Commons on Thursday, May 17, 2001, the Order of Reference of Wednesday, April 17, 2002, referring the subject matter of Bill C-344, An Act to amend the Contraventions Act and the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act (marihuana) to the Special Committee, and the Order of Tuesday, May 7, 2002, the Committee resumed consideration of the factors underlying or relating to the non-medical use of drugs (*See Minutes of Proceedings of Thursday, June 7, 2001, Meeting No. 1*).

The witnesses made opening statements and answered questions.

At 10:58 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:13 a.m., the sitting resumed.

The witnesses answered questions.

At 12:01 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Eugene Morawski

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Meeting No. 47

Thursday, May 23, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of the factors underlying or relating to the non-medical use of drugs

WITNESSES:

Addictions Services—Outpatient:

Ernie How, Coordinator.

Calder Centre:

Blair Buchholz, Manager of Youth Services.

Larson House:

Bill Logue, Executive Director.





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Meeting No. 47

Thursday, May 23, 2002

The Special Committee on Non-Medical Use of Drugs met at 2:07 p.m. this day, in the Battleford Ballroom, Delta Bessborough Hotel, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, the Chair, Paddy Torsney, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Dominic LeBlanc, Réal Ménard and Paddy Torsney.

Acting Member present: Carol Skelton for Kevin Sorenson.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Chantal Collin and Marilyn Pilon, research officers.

Witnesses: From the Calder Centre: Blair Buchholz, Manager, Youth Services. *From Larson House:* Bill Logue, Director. *From Addictions Services - Outpatient:* Ernie How, Coordinator.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference adopted by the House of Commons on Thursday, May 17, 2001, the Order of Reference of Wednesday, April 17, 2002, referring the subject matter of Bill C-344, An Act to amend the Contraventions Act and the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act (marihuana) to the Special Committee, and the Order of Tuesday, May 7, 2002, the Committee resumed consideration of the factors underlying or relating to the non-medical use of drugs (*See Minutes of Proceedings of Thursday, June 7, 2001, Meeting No. 1*).

The witnesses made opening statements and answered questions.

At 4:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Eugene Morawski

Committee Clerk

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Meeting No. 48

Friday, May 24, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of the factors underlying or relating to the non-medical use of drugs

WITNESSES:

Addictions Foundation of Manitoba:

David Brown, Director of Research and Quality Monitoring.

Royal Canadian Mounted Police:

William Blanshard, Sergeant, RCMP Drug Awareness, "F" Division;

Cory Lerat, Sergeant, Prince Albert Joint Forces Unit, "F" Division;

Rick Torgunrud, Sergeant, Prince Albert Joint Forces Unit, "F" Division;

Keith Van Steelandt, Corporal, Prince Albert Joint Forces Unit, "F" Division.

Saskatoon City Police:

Brian Dueck, Superintendent, Human Resources;

Jerome Engele, Sergeant, Saskatoon Integrated Drug Unit.

Western Safety and Disability Management:

H. Alex Taylor.



Winnipeg Police Service:

Blair McCorrister, Inspector.



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Meeting No. 48

Friday, May 24, 2002

The Special Committee on Non-Medical Use of Drugs met at 9:02 a.m. this day, in the Battleford Ballroom, Delta Bessborough Hotel, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, the Chair, Paddy Torsney, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Réal Ménard and Paddy Torsney.

Acting Member present: Carol Skelton for Kevin Sorenson.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Chantal Collin and Marilyn Pilon, research officers.

Witnesses: From the Royal Canadian Mounted Police: Sgt William Blanshard, RCMP Drug Awareness, "F" Division; Sgt Cory Lerat, Prince Albert Joint Forces Unit, "F" Division; Sgt Rick Torgunrud, Prince Albert Joint Forces Unit, "F" Division; Keith Van Steelandt, Prince Albert Joint Forces Unit, "F" Division. *From Saskatoon City Police:* Brian Dueck, Human Resources; Sgt Jerome Engele, Saskatoon Integrated Drug Unit. *From Winnipeg Police Services:* Blair McCorrister. *From the Addictions Foundation of Manitoba:* Dr. David Brown, Director of Research and Quality Monitoring. *From Western Safety and Disability Management:* H. Alex Taylor.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference adopted by the House of Commons on Thursday, May 17, 2001, the Order of Reference of Wednesday, April 17, 2002, referring the subject matter of Bill C-344, An Act to amend the Contraventions Act and the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act (marihuana) to the Special Committee, and the Order of Tuesday, May 7, 2002, the Committee resumed consideration of the factors underlying or relating to the non-medical use of drugs (*See Minutes of Proceedings of Thursday, June 7, 2001, Meeting No. 1*).

The witnesses made opening statements and answered questions.

At 10:47 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:05 a.m., the sitting resumed.

The witnesses made opening statements and answered questions.

At 12:40 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Eugene Morawski

Committee Clerk

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Meeting No. 49

Thursday, May 30, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of the factors underlying or relating to the non-medical use of drugs

WITNESSES:

Association for Better Living and Education (ABLE Canada):

Brad Melnychuk, Executive Director.

Narconon Canada:

Devinder Luthra, President.

REAL Women of Canada:

Gwendolyn Landolt, National Vice-President.





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Meeting No. 49

Thursday, May 30, 2002

The Special Committee on Non-Medical Use of Drugs met in a televised session at 3:36 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Paddy Torsney, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Carole-Marie Allard, The Hon. Hedy Fry, Derek Lee, Réal Ménard, Kevin Sorenson, Paddy Torsney and Randy White.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Marilyn Pilon, research officer.

Witnesses: From REAL Women of Canada: Gwendolyn Landolt, National Vice-President; Sophie Joannou, Executive Member; Diane Watts, Researcher. *From the Association for Better Living and Education (ABLE Canada):* Brad Melnychuk, Executive Director. *From Narconon:* Devinder Luthra.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference adopted by the House of Commons on Thursday, May 17, 2001, and of Wednesday, April 17, 2002, referring the subject matter of Bill C-344, An Act to amend the Contraventions Act and the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act (marihuana) to the Special Committee, the Committee resumed consideration of the factors underlying or relating to the non-medical use of drugs (*See Minutes of Proceedings of Thursday, June 7, 2001, Meeting No. 1*).

Gwendolyn Landolt and Brad Melnychuk made opening statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 4:59 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:00 p.m., the sitting resumed *in camera* to discuss its future business.

At 5:08 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Eugene Morawski

Committee Clerk

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Meeting No. 50

Monday, June 10, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of the factors underlying or relating to the non-medical use of drugs

WITNESSES:

Carleton University:

Peter Fried, Faculty of Psychology.

University of Manitoba:

Barney Sneiderman, Professor, Faculty of Law.





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Meeting No. 50

Monday, June 10, 2002

The Special Committee on Non-Medical Use of Drugs met in a televised session at 3:39 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Paddy Torsney, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Carole-Marie Allard, Libby Davies, Mac Harb, Dominic LeBlanc, Réal Ménard, Paddy Torsney and Randy White.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Chantal Collin and Marilyn Pilon, research officers.

Witnesses: From Carleton University: Dr. Peter Fried, Faculty of Psychology. *From the University of Manitoba:* Prof. Barney Sneiderman, Faculty of Law.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference adopted by the House of Commons on Thursday, May 17, 2001, and of Wednesday, April 17, 2002, referring the subject matter of Bill C-344, An Act to amend the Contraventions Act and the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act (marihuana) to the Special Committee, the Committee resumed consideration of the factors underlying or relating to the non-medical use of drugs (*See Minutes of Proceedings of Thursday, June 7, 2001, Meeting No. 1*).

Peter Fried and Barry Sneiderman made statements and answered questions.

At 5:29 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carol Chafe

Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 51

Thursday, June 13, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of the factors underlying or relating to the non-medical use of drugs

WITNESSES:

"Centre de réadaptation Le Portage":

Peter Vamos, Director.

"Groupe de recherche et d'intervention psychosociale de Montréal":

Jean-Sébastien Fallu.

McGill University:

Mark Zoccolillo, Doctor, Associate Professor of Psychiatry and Assistant Professor of Pediatrics.

As Individual:

Carole Morissette.





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Meeting No. 51

Thursday, June 13, 2002

The Special Committee on Non-Medical Use of Drugs met in a televised session at 3:38 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Paddy Torsney, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Carole-Marie Allard, Mac Harb, Dominic LeBlanc, Derek Lee, Réal Ménard, Kevin Sorenson and Paddy Torsney.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Chantal Collin and Marilyn Pilon, research officers.

Witnesses: As Individual: Dr. Carol Morissette, Community Health Specialist. *From McGill University:* Dr. Mark Zoccolillo, Associate Professor of Psychiatry and Assistant Professor of Pediatrics. *From "Centre de réadaptation Le Portage":* Dr. Peter Vamos, Director. *From "Groupe de recherche et d'intervention psychosociale de Montréal":* Jean-Sébastien Fallu.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference adopted by the House of Commons on Thursday, May 17, 2001, and of Wednesday, April 17, 2002, referring the subject matter of Bill C-344, An Act to amend the Contraventions Act and the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act (marihuana) to the Special Committee, the Committee resumed consideration of the factors underlying or relating to the non-medical use of drugs (*See Minutes of Proceedings of Thursday, June 7, 2001, Meeting No. 1*).

The witnesses made opening statements and answered questions.

At 5:45 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Eugene Morawski

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Meeting No. 52

Tuesday, August 27, 2002

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Study of the factors underlying or relating to the non-medical use of drugs

Study of Bill C-344, An Act to amend the Contraventions Act and the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act (marihuana)

WITNESSES:

Canadian Pharmacists Association:

Barry Power, Pharmacist and Director of Practice Development;
Shelly Stepanuik, Vice-President.

National Association of Pharmacy Regulatory Authorities:

Jeff May, Past President;
Barbara Wells, Executive Director.

Purdue Pharma:

Andrew Darke, Pharmacist and Vice-President;
Kathryn Raymond, Manager, Health Care Education.

As Individual:

Roman Jovey.





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Meeting No. 52

Tuesday, August 27, 2002

The Special Committee on Non-Medical Use of Drugs met in a televised session at 9:40 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Paddy Torsney, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Carole-Marie Allard, Bernard Bigras, Derek Lee, Kevin Sorenson, Paddy Torsney, Randy White.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Chantal Collin and Marilyn Pilon, Research Officers

Witnesses: From the Canadian Pharmacists Association: Dr. Barry Power, PharmD, Director of Practice Development; Shelley Stepanuik, Vice President. *From the National Association of Pharmacy Regulatory Authorities:* Jeff May, Past President; Barbara Wells, Executive Director. *From the Purdue Pharma:* Andrew Darke, PhD, Vice-President, Scientific Affairs; Kathryn Raymond, Manager, Health and Education; Dr. Roman Jovey, M.D.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference adopted by the House of Commons on Thursday, May 17, 2001, consideration of the factors underlying or relating to the non-medical use of drugs, and of Wednesday, April 17, 2002, referring the subject matter of Bill C-344, An Act to amend the Contraventions Act and the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act (marihuana) to the Special Committee.

The witnesses from the National Association of Pharmacy Regulatory Authorities and the Canadian Pharmacists Association made statements and answered questions.

At 11:07 a.m. the sitting was suspended.

At 11:15 a.m. the sitting resumed.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 12:45 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carol Chafe

Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 53

Tuesday, August 27, 2002

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Study of the factors underlying or relating to the non-medical use of drugs

Study of Bill C-344, An Act to amend the contraventions Act and the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act (marihuana)

WITNESSES:

Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade:

Terry Cormier, Director, International Crime Division.

Nonprescription Drug Manufacturers Association of Canada:

Gerry Harrington, Director, Public and Professional Affairs;

Robert White, Director, Scientific and Regulatory Affairs.





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Meeting No. 53

Tuesday, August 27, 2002

The Special Committee on Non-Medical Use of Drugs met in a televised session at 2:39 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Paddy Torsney, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Carole-Marie Allard, Derek Lee, Réal Ménard, Kevin Sorenson, Randy White and Paddy Torsney.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Chantal Collin and Marilyn Pilon, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From the Nonprescription Drug Manufacturers Association: Gerry Harrington, Director, Public and Professional Affairs; Robert B. White, Director of Scientific and Regulatory Affairs. *From the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade:* Terry Cormier, Director, International Crime Division.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference adopted by the House of Commons on Thursday, May 17, 2001, consideration of the factors underlying or relating to the non-medical use of drugs, and of Wednesday, April 17, 2002, referring the subject matter of Bill C-344, An Act to amend the Contraventions Act and the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act (marihuana) to the Special Committee.

The witnesses from the Nonprescription Drug Manufacturers Association made statements and answered questions.

At 3:48 p.m. the sitting was suspended.

At 4:11 p.m. the sitting resumed.

Terry Cormier made a statement and answered questions.

At 5:15 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carol Chafe

Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 54

Wednesday, August 28, 2002

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Study of the factors underlying or relating to the non-medical use of drugs

Study of Bill C-344, An Act to amend the contraventions Act and the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act (marihuana)

WITNESSES:

Health Canada:

Gillian Lynch, Doctor, Director General, Drug Strategy and Controlled Substances
Programme, Healthy Environments and Consumer Safety Branch;

Dann Michols, Assistant Deputy Minister, Healthy Environments and Consumer Safety
Branch.





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Meeting No. 54

Wednesday, August 28, 2002

The Special Committee on Non-Medical Use of Drugs met in a televised session at 9:38 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Paddy Torsney, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Carole-Marie Allard, The Hon. Hedy Fry, Derek Lee, Réal Ménard, Kevin Sorenson, Paddy Torsney and Randy White.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Chantal Collin and Marilyn Pilon, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From the Department of Health: Dann Michols, Assistant Deputy Minister, Healthy Environments & Consumer Safety Branch; Dr. Gillian Lynch, Director General, Drug Strategy and Controlled Substances Programme, Healthy Environments and Consumer Safety Branch; Beth Pieterston, Associate Director General, Drug Strategy and Controlled Substances Programme, Healthy Environments and Consumer Safety Branch; Carole Bouchard, Director, Office of Controlled Substances.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference adopted by the House of Commons on Thursday, May 17, 2001, consideration of the factors underlying or relating to the non-medical use of drugs, and of Wednesday, April 17, 2002, referring the subject matter of Bill C-344, An Act to amend the Contraventions Act and the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act (marihuana) to the Special Committee.

Dann Michols made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 11:37 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carol Chafe

Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 55

Wednesday, August 28, 2002

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Study of the factors underlying or relating to the non-medical use of drugs

Study of Bill C-344, An Act to amend the contraventions Act and the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act (marihuana)

WITNESSES:

College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia:

Peter Hickey, Pharmacist;

Brian Taylor, Doctor, Deputy Registrar.

College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan:

Dennis Kendel, Doctor, Registrar.

Prescription Monitoring Program of Nova Scotia:

Coleen Conway, Manager.



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Meeting No. 55

Wednesday, August 28, 2002

The Special Committee on Non-Medical Use of Drugs met in a televised session at 2:13 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Paddy Torsney, presiding.

Member(s) of the Committee present: Carole-Marie Allard, The Hon. Hedy Fry, Derek Lee, Réal Ménard, Kevin Sorenson, Paddy Torsney and Randy White.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Chantal Collin and Marilyn Pilon, Research Officers.

Witness(es): From the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan: Dr. Dennis Kendel, MD, Registrar, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. *From the College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia:* Dr. Brian Taylor, MD; Peter Hickey, Pharmacist. *From the Nova Scotia Prescription Monitoring Programme:* Coleen Conway, Manager.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference adopted by the House of Commons on Thursday, May 17, 2001, consideration of the factors underlying or relating to the non-medical use of drugs, and of Wednesday, April 17, 2002, referring the subject matter of Bill C-344, An Act to amend the Contraventions Act and the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act (marihuana) to the Special Committee.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 4:34 p.m. the sitting was suspended.

At 4:49 p.m. the sitting was resumed in camera.

The Committee proceeded to a discussion of drafting instructions to the researchers.

At 6:04 p.m. the sitting suspended.

At 6:30 p.m. the sitting resumed.

The Committee resumed consideration of its drafting instructions for the researchers.

At 8:04 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carol Chafe

Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 56

Thursday, August 29, 2002

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Study of the factors underlying or relating to the non-medical use of drugs

Study of Bill C-344, An Act to amend the Contraventions Act and the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act (marihuana)

WITNESSES:

Canadian Executive Council on Addiction:

John Borody, Chief Executive Officer, Addictions Foundation of Manitoba;

Murray Finnerty, Chief Executive Officer, Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission;

Michel Perron, President; Chief Executive Officer, Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse;

Patrick Smith, Vice-President, Clinical Programs, Centre for Addiction and Mental Health.





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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 56

Thursday, August 29, 2002

The Special Committee on Non-Medical Use of Drugs met in a televised session at 9:44 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Paddy Torsney, presiding.

Member(s) of the Committee present: Carole-Marie Allard, The Hon. Hedy Fry, Derek Lee, Réal Ménard, Kevin Sorenson, Paddy Torsney, and Randy White.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Chantal Collin and Marilyn Pilon, Research Officers.

Witness(es): From the Canadian Executive Council on Addiction: Michel Perron, Chief Executive Officer and President of CECA, Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse; John Borody, Chief Executive Officer, Addictions Foundation of Manitoba; Murray Finnerty, Chief Executive Officer, Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission; Patrick Smith, Executive Vice President, Centre for Addictions and Mental Health.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference adopted by the House of Commons on Thursday, May 17, 2001, consideration of the factors underlying or relating to the non-medical use of drugs, and of Wednesday, April 17, 2002, referring the subject matter of Bill C-344, An Act to amend the Contraventions Act and the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act (marihuana) to the Special Committee.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 12:35 p.m. the sitting suspended.

At 12:59 p.m. the sitting resumed in camera.

The Committee proceeded to consideration of its future business.

Réal Ménard moved, - That the Special Committee on non medical use of drugs call on the House Leaders to ensure that the Chair and Vice-Chairs of this and all future special and special joint committees receive the same compensation as all other Committees and that, in the case of this Special Committee, the compensation be retroactive to June 7, 2001 and debate thereon.

The motion was agreed to on division.

By unanimous consent, the Committee proceeded to consideration of its drafting instructions to the researchers.

At 4:54 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carol Chafe

Clerk(s) of the Committee

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Chair: Paddy Torsney, Lib.

Meeting No. 1

Thursday, October 10, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Election of a Chair and Vice-Chairs





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Meeting No. 1

Thursday, October 10, 2002

The Special Committee on Non-Medical Use of Drugs met at 9:36 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, for the purpose of electing a Chair and two Vice-Chairs, pursuant to Standing Orders 106(1) and (2).

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Bigras, Libby Davies, Hedy Fry, Dominic LeBlanc, Derek Lee, Kevin Sorenson, Paddy Torsney and Randy White.

Acting Members present: Murray Calder for Mac Harb; Claude Duplain for Jacques Saada; Steve Mahoney for Carole-Marie Allard.

In attendance: From the Committees Directorate of the House of Commons: William Farrell, Procedural Clerk.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference adopted by the House of Commons on Monday, October 7, 2002, and pursuant to Standing Order 106 (1) and (2), election of a Chair and Vice-Chairs

Pursuant to Standing Orders 106(1) and (2), the Clerk presided over the election of the Chair.

On motion of Derek Lee, it was agreed, - That Paddy Torsney be elected Chair of the Special Committee on the non-medical use of drugs.

Accordingly, Paddy Torsney was declared Chair of the Special Committee and took the Chair.

On motion of Kevin Sorenson, it was agreed, - That Randy White be elected Vice-Chair of the Special Committee.

On motion of Derek Lee, it was agreed, - That Carole-Marie Allard be elected Vice-Chair of the Special Committee *in absentia*.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, - That the Committee consider routine motions.

On motion of Libby Davies, it was agreed, - That the Chair be authorized to hold meetings in order to receive evidence when a quorum is not present, providing that at least three (3) members are present, including a member of the opposition.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, - That the Committee retain the services of two research officers from the Library of Parliament, as needed, to assist the committee in its work

On motion of Derek Lee, it was agreed, - That, if requested, reasonable travel, accommodation and living expenses be reimbursed to witnesses, not exceeding two (2) representatives per organisation.

On motion of Randy White, it was agreed, - That the clerk of the Committee be authorized to make the necessary arrangements to provide for good working meals for the Committee.

On motion of Derek Lee, it was agreed, - That forty-eight (48) hours notice be provided to the Clerk of the Special

Committee of any substantive motions.

On motion of Randy White, it was agreed, - That, the Chair be authorized to engage the services of Louis Majeau to edit the French text of the Committee's draft report at an hourly rate of \$70.00 to a maximum of 100 hours.

It was agreed to, on division, - That the Committee proceed *in camera* to consider its future business.

At 9:54 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 9:56 a.m., the Committee proceeded to sit *in camera*.

The Committee considered its future business.

At 10:04 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carol Chafe

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Paddy Torsney, Lib.

Meeting No. 2

Tuesday, October 22, 2002

IN CAMERA

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 2

Tuesday, October 22, 2002

The Special Committee on Non-Medical Use of Drugs met *in camera* at 9:13 a.m. this day, in Room 536, Wellington Building, the Chair, Paddy Torsney, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Carole-Marie Allard, Libby Davies, Hedy Fry, Dominic LeBlanc, Derek Lee, Réal Ménard, Kevin Sorenson, Paddy Torsney and Randy White.

Attending Member present: Greg Thompson for André Bachand.

Attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Chantal Collin and Marilyn Pilon, research officers.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference adopted by the House of Commons on Monday, October 7, 2002, consideration of the factors underlying or relating to the non-medical use of drugs.

The Committee commenced consideration of its draft report.

At 11:06 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carol Chafe

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Paddy Torsney, Lib.

Meeting No. 3

Tuesday, October 22, 2002

IN CAMERA



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 3

Tuesday, October 22, 2002

The Special Committee on Non-Medical Use of Drugs met *in camera* at 3:45 p.m. this day, in Room 536, Wellington Building, the Chair, Paddy Torsney, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Carole-Marie Allard, Libby Davies, Hedy Fry, Dominic LeBlanc, Derek Lee, Réal Ménard, Kevin Sorenson, Paddy Torsney and Randy White.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Chantal Collin, research officer; Marilyn Pilon, researcher.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference adopted by the House of Commons on Monday, October 7, 2002, consideration of the factors underlying or relating to the non-medical use of drugs.

The Committee resumed consideration of its draft report.

At 5:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carol Chafe

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Chair: Paddy Torsney, Lib.

Meeting No. 4

Wednesday, October 23, 2002

IN CAMERA



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 4

Wednesday, October 23, 2002

The Special Committee on Non-Medical Use of Drugs met *in camera* at 4:36 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Paddy Torsney, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Carole-Marie Allard, Hedy Fry, Mac Harb, Dominic LeBlanc, Derek Lee, Réal Ménard, Kevin Sorenson, Paddy Torsney and Randy White.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Chantal Collin and Marilyn Pilon, research officers.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference adopted by the House of Commons on Monday, October 7, 2002, consideration of the factors underlying or relating to the non-medical use of drugs.

The Committee resumed consideration of its draft report.

At 5:35 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carol Chafe

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Meeting No. 5

Thursday, October 24, 2002

IN CAMERA



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 5

Thursday, October 24, 2002

The Special Committee on Non-Medical Use of Drugs met *in camera* at 9:15 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Paddy Torsney, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Carole-Marie Allard, Hedy Fry, Mac Harb, Dominic LeBlanc, Derek Lee, Réal Ménard, Kevin Sorenson, Paddy Torsney and Randy White.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Chantal Collin and Marilyn Pilon, research officers.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference adopted by the House of Commons on Monday, October 7, 2002, consideration of the factors underlying or relating to the non-medical use of drugs.

The Committee resumed consideration of its draft report.

At 10:57 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carol Chafe

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Meeting No. 6

Thursday, October 24, 2002

IN CAMERA



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Meeting No. 6

Thursday, October 24, 2002

The Special Committee on Non-Medical Use of Drugs met *in camera* at 3:40 p.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Paddy Torsney, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Carole-Marie Allard, Libby Davies, Mac Harb, Derek Lee, Réal Ménard, Kevin Sorenson and Paddy Torsney.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Chantal Collin and Marilyn Pilon, research officers.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference adopted by the House of Commons on Monday, October 7, 2002, consideration of the factors underlying or relating to the non-medical use of drugs.

The Committee resumed consideration of its draft report.

At 4:56 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carol Chafe

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Meeting No. 7

Monday, October 28, 2002

IN CAMERA



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 7

Monday, October 28, 2002

The Special Committee on Non-Medical Use of Drugs met *in camera* at 3:39 p.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Paddy Torsney, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Carole-Marie Allard, Libby Davies, Hedy Fry, Derek Lee, Réal Ménard, Kevin Sorenson and Paddy Torsney.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Chantal Collin and Marilyn Pilon, research officers.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference adopted by the House of Commons on Monday, October 7, 2002, consideration of the factors underlying or relating to the non-medical use of drugs.

The Committee resumed consideration of its draft report.

At 5:17 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carol Chafe

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Meeting No. 8

Tuesday, October 29, 2002

IN CAMERA



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Meeting No. 8

Tuesday, October 29, 2002

The Special Committee on Non-Medical Use of Drugs met *in camera* at 9:13 a.m. this day, in Room 701, La Promenade Building, the Chair, Paddy Torsney, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Carole-Marie Allard, Libby Davies, Hedy Fry, Dominic LeBlanc, Derek Lee, Réal Ménard, Kevin Sorenson, Paddy Torsney and Randy White.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Chantal Collin and Marilyn Pilon, research officers.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference adopted by the House of Commons on Monday, October 7, 2002, consideration of the factors underlying or relating to the non-medical use of drugs.

The Committee resumed consideration of its draft report.

At 10:58 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carol Chafe

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Meeting No. 9

Tuesday, October 29, 2002

IN CAMERA



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Meeting No. 9

Tuesday, October 29, 2002

The Special Committee on Non-Medical Use of Drugs met *in camera* at 3:38 p.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Paddy Torsney, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Carole-Marie Allard, Libby Davies, Hedy Fry, Mac Harb, Dominic LeBlanc, Derek Lee, Réal Ménard, Kevin Sorenson, Paddy Torsney and Randy White.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Chantal Collin and Marilyn Pilon, research officers.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference adopted by the House of Commons on Monday, October 7, 2002, consideration of the factors underlying or relating to the non-medical use of drugs.

The Committee resumed consideration of its draft report.

At 5:26 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carol Chafe

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Meeting No. 10

Wednesday, October 30, 2002

IN CAMERA



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 10

Wednesday, October 30, 2002

The Special Committee on Non-Medical Use of Drugs met *in camera* at 3:44 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Paddy Torsney, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Carole-Marie Allard, Libby Davies, Hedy Fry, Dominic LeBlanc, Derek Lee, Réal Ménard, Kevin Sorenson and Paddy Torsney.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Chantal Collin and Marilyn Pilon, research officers.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference adopted by the House of Commons on Monday, October 7, 2002, consideration of the factors underlying or relating to the non-medical use of drugs.

The Committee resumed consideration of its draft report.

At 5:29 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carol Chafe

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Meeting No. 11

Thursday, October 31, 2002

IN CAMERA



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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 11

Thursday, October 31, 2002

The Special Committee on Non-Medical Use of Drugs met *in camera* at 9:31 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Paddy Torsney, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Carole-Marie Allard, Libby Davies, Mac Harb, Dominic LeBlanc, Derek Lee, Réal Ménard, Kevin Sorenson, Paddy Torsney and Randy White.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Chantal Collin and Marilyn Pilon, research officers.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference adopted by the House of Commons on Monday, October 7, 2002, consideration of the factors underlying or relating to the non-medical use of drugs.

The Committee resumed consideration of its draft report.

At 10:58 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:38 a.m., the sitting resumed.

At 12:20 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carol Chafe

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Meeting No. 12

Thursday, October 31, 2002

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Meeting No. 12

Thursday, October 31, 2002

The Special Committee on Non-Medical Use of Drugs met *in camera* at 3:40 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Paddy Torsney, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Carole-Marie Allard, Libby Davies, Mac Harb, Derek Lee, Réal Ménard, Kevin Sorenson, Paddy Torsney and Randy White.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Chantal Collin and Marilyn Pilon, research officers.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference adopted by the House of Commons on Monday, October 7, 2002, consideration of the factors underlying or relating to the non-medical use of drugs.

The Committee resumed consideration of its draft report.

At 5:04 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carol Chafe

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Chair: Paddy Torsney, Lib.

Meeting No. 13

Monday, November 4, 2002

IN CAMERA



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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 13

Monday, November 4, 2002

The Special Committee on Non-Medical Use of Drugs met *in camera* at 3:43 p.m. this day, in Room 536, Wellington Building, the Chair, Paddy Torsney, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Carole-Marie Allard, Libby Davies, Hedy Fry, Mac Harb, Dominic LeBlanc, Derek Lee, Paddy Torsney and Randy White.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Chantal Collin and Marilyn Pilon, research officers.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference adopted by the House of Commons on Monday, October 7, 2002, consideration of the factors underlying or relating to the non-medical use of drugs.

The Committee resumed consideration of its draft report.

At 5:08 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carol Chafe

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Meeting No. 14

Tuesday, November 5, 2002

IN CAMERA



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Meeting No. 14

Tuesday, November 5, 2002

The Special Committee on Non-Medical Use of Drugs met *in camera* at 9:20 a.m. this day, in Room 536, Wellington Building, the Chair, Paddy Torsney, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Carole-Marie Allard, Libby Davies, Hedy Fry, Mac Harb, Dominic LeBlanc, Derek Lee, Réal Ménard, Kevin Sorenson, Paddy Torsney and Randy White.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Chantal Collin and Marilyn Pilon, research officers.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference adopted by the House of Commons on Monday, October 7, 2002, consideration of the factors underlying or relating to the non-medical use of drugs.

The Committee resumed consideration of its draft report.

At 11:59 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:20 p.m., the sitting resumed.

At 1:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carol Chafe

Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 15

Tuesday, November 5, 2002

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Meeting No. 15

Tuesday, November 5, 2002

The Special Committee on Non-Medical Use of Drugs met *in camera* at 4:45 p.m. this day, in Room 536, Wellington Building, the Chair, Paddy Torsney, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Carole-Marie Allard, Libby Davies, Hedy Fry, Mac Harb, Dominic LeBlanc, Derek Lee, Réal Ménard, Kevin Sorenson and Paddy Torsney.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Chantal Collin and Marilyn Pilon, research officers.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference adopted by the House of Commons on Monday, October 7, 2002, consideration of the factors underlying or relating to the non-medical use of drugs.

The Committee resumed consideration of its draft report.

At 6:43 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 7:13 p.m., the sitting resumed.

At 10:04 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carol Chafe

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Paddy Torsney, Lib.

Meeting No. 16

Wednesday, November 6, 2002

IN CAMERA



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Meeting No. 16

Wednesday, November 6, 2002

The Special Committee on Non-Medical Use of Drugs met *in camera* at 3:46 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Paddy Torsney, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Carole-Marie Allard, Libby Davies, Hedy Fry, Mac Harb, Dominic LeBlanc, Derek Lee, Réal Ménard, Kevin Sorenson, Paddy Torsney and Randy White.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Chantal Collin and Marilyn Pilon, research officers.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference adopted by the House of Commons on Monday, October 7, 2002, consideration of the factors underlying or relating to the non-medical use of drugs.

The Committee resumed consideration of its draft report.

At 7:22 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carol Chafe

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Paddy Torsney, Lib.

Meeting No. 17

Monday, November 18, 2002

IN CAMERA



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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 17

Monday, November 18, 2002

The Special Committee on Non-Medical Use of Drugs met *in camera* at 3:50 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Paddy Torsney, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Carole-Marie Allard, Libby Davies, Hedy Fry, Dominic LeBlanc, Derek Lee, Réal Ménard, Kevin Sorenson, Paddy Torsney and Randy White.

Acting Member present: Alan Tonks for Mac Harb.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Chantal Collin and Marilyn Pilon, research officers.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference adopted by the House of Commons on Monday, October 7, 2002, consideration of the factors underlying or relating to the non-medical use of drugs.

The Committee resumed consideration of its draft report.

It was agreed, - That, pursuant to Standing Order 108(1)(a), the Special Committee authorize the printing of brief dissenting and/or supplementary opinions as appendices to this report immediately following the signature of the Chair, that the opinions not exceed 5 single-spaced pages and that they be sent to the Clerk of the Committee by electronic mail in both official languages on or before Tuesday, November 26, 2002.

At 6:06 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carol Chafe

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Paddy Torsney, Lib.

Meeting No. 18

Tuesday, November 19, 2002

IN CAMERA



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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 18

Tuesday, November 19, 2002

The Special Committee on Non-Medical Use of Drugs met *in camera* at 9:15 a.m. this day, in Room 701, La Promenade Building, the Chair, Paddy Torsney, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Carole-Marie Allard, Libby Davies, Hedy Fry, Dominic LeBlanc, Derek Lee, Kevin Sorenson, Paddy Torsney and Randy White.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Chantal Collin and Marilyn Pilon, research officers.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference adopted by the House of Commons on Monday, October 7, 2002, consideration of the factors underlying or relating to the non-medical use of drugs.

The Committee resumed consideration of its draft report.

At 12:12 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:26 p.m., the sitting resumed.

At 1:00 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carol Chafe

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Paddy Torsney, Lib.

Meeting No. 19

Tuesday, November 19, 2002

IN CAMERA



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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 19

Tuesday, November 19, 2002

The Special Committee on Non-Medical Use of Drugs met *in camera* at 4:15 p.m. this day, in Room 701, La Promenade Building, the Chair, Paddy Torsney, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Carole-Marie Allard, Hedy Fry, Derek Lee, Réal Ménard, Kevin Sorenson and Paddy Torsney.

Acting Members present: Beth Phinney for Mac Harb; Roger Cuzner for Jacques Saada.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Chantal Collin and Marilyn Pilon, research officers.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference adopted by the House of Commons on Monday, October 7, 2002, consideration of the factors underlying or relating to the non-medical use of drugs.

The Committee resumed consideration of its draft report.

It was agreed, on division - That the Committee adopt the draft report as its Report to the House of Commons.

It was agreed, - That the Chair be authorized to make such typographical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the report.

It was agreed, on division - That the Chair be authorized to engage the services of a media relations consultant to develop a communications strategy for the release of the Report and, that the contract be limited to a maximum of \$10,000. The proposal to be discussed at a meeting of the Special Committee scheduled for Tuesday, November 26, 2002.

At 7:08 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carol Chafe

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Paddy Torsney, Lib.

Meeting No. 20

Tuesday, November 26, 2002

IN CAMERA



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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 20

Tuesday, November 26, 2002

The Special Committee on Non-Medical Use of Drugs met *in camera* at 9:15 a.m. this day, in Room 306, West Block, the Chair, Paddy Torsney, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Carole-Marie Allard, Hedy Fry, Mac Harb, Dominic LeBlanc, Derek Lee, Réal Ménard, Kevin Sorenson, Paddy Torsney and Randy White.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Chantal Collin and Marilyn Pilon, research officers.

Witnesses: From Hill & Knowlton Canada: Heidi Bonnell, Vice-President Communications; Joy Jennissen, Vice-President.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference adopted by the House of Commons on Monday, October 7, 2002, consideration of the factors underlying or relating to the non-medical use of drugs.

The witnesses made a presentation on a communications strategy for the release of the Committee's report.

It was agreed, - That the Committee present its recommendations in two reports, an interim report to be presented on Monday, December 9, 2002, the final report on Thursday, December 12, 2002 and, that the Committee hold simultaneous press conferences in locations across Canada.

It was agreed, - That the Committee seek authorization of the House of Commons permitting the members of the Committee to travel to Vancouver, Halifax and Montreal to hold simultaneous press conferences on the release of its interim report on Monday, December 9 and that the necessary staff accompany the members.

It was agreed, on division, - That notwithstanding the motion adopted at its meeting of Tuesday, November 19th, the Chair, in consultation with the two Vice-Chairs, be authorized to re-negotiate a contract with Hill & Knowlton Canada to implement a communications strategy for the Committee's reports to a maximum of \$15,000.

At 10:58 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carol Chafe

Clerk of the Committee

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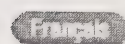
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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 21

Tuesday, December 10, 2002

The Special Committee on Non-Medical Use of Drugs met *in camera* at 3:50 p.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Paddy Torsney, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Carole-Marie Allard, Libby Davies, Dominic LeBlanc, Derek Lee, Kevin Sorenson, Greg Thompson and Paddy Torsney.

Acting Members present: Paul Szabo for Hedy Fry; Carolyn Parrish for Mac Harb.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Chantal Collin and Marilyn Pilon, research officers.

The Committee proceeded to consideration of its future business.

It was agreed, - That, notwithstanding the motion adopted by the Committee at its meeting of Thursday, October 10, 2002, the contract for the services of Mr. Louis Majeau to edit the French text of the Committee's draft reports be extended to December 2nd at an hourly rate of \$70.00 to a maximum of 135 hours.

It was agreed, - That the Special Committee hold a debriefing session with refreshments related to the release of its report and recommendations the week of January 27, 2003 and that the costs be pre-paid by Friday, December 13, 2002.

At 3:53 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carol Chafe

Clerk of the Committee

